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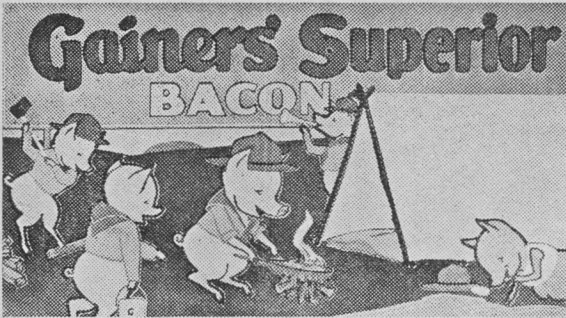
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For Auld Lang Syne



—From an etching by Geo. Brown.

It's tough to see you go, but the institution of "the crown" must be preserved.

The Forty-Niner

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January, 1937

ABDICATION OF KING EDWARD VIII

We have witnessed in the past few weeks an amazing occurrence. Edward the VIII whose personal popularity probably exceeded that of any other king who has ever reigned anywhere, one day stepped down and out and his place was taken by his brother. In the days and hours which preceded the final act millions of men and women sat by their radios to get the latest word and had there been any suggestion that the King was being unfairly treated the flames of civil war might easily have burst forth—for the affectionate loyalty of countless millions was for the king to command. But as the drama unfolded itself to its melancholy conclusion the facts emerged and upon the facts the conclusion was inevitable.

In the years following the war all loyal citizens were hopeful that the King would find himself a suitable wife. There was no disposition to hurry him or to tie his hands in the matter of choice. As one by one the daughters of great European houses were considered and passed over, the feeling grew that he ought not to be restricted in his choice to Royal Princesses. As the women put it "any nice girl that pleases him will suit us" and no doubt the machinery of parliament would have ironed out any difficulties which might have presented themselves in the matter of a marriage to a commoner or even to an American girl.

Here it is proper to observe that the throne is not only a constitutional institution but it is as well a symbol of Imperial unity. It is the great link which binds the component parts of the Commonwealth into that entity which is variously called the British Empire or the British Commonwealth of Nations. Upon the throne are centered the loyalties of five hundred millions of people of every conceivable race, language and religion. The throne must therefore ever stand for the highest conception of manners, morals and religion. The Kingly power, influence and example, must support those things which make for soundness and wholeness throughout the whole life of the Empire in all its parts, in all its peoples.

Consider the great queens Victoria and Alexandra, their rigid codes enforced by precept and example. Consider Queen Mary in the wild period which followed the Great War. How she dealt with vulgarity, immorality, loose living and the like. How in this period the Throne stood out like the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land, pure, serene and vital. Victoria, Alexandra and Mary. Great Queens and great women.

On a certain day we became aware of the fact that the King had fallen in love. This was what we had been hoping to hear for fifteen years past. Simultaneously we learned that the object of his affections was a married woman of alien birth who had two husbands still living.

Now this was the issue. Could the King as

King marry such a woman? At first our judgment was clouded by our affectionate loyalty to the King. We wondered if it couldn't be managed some how. We would have gone far to please him, to give him the same rights which we claimed for ourselves but as we reflected we found that the King was not a common man but an institution. His Kingship was not a part time job but an Imperial symbol. The place of Victoria, Alexandra and Mary could not be taken by Mrs. Simpson. The Imperial Court was no place for the manners and morals of Hollywood. Now that stripped of all verbiage and sentimentality was the issue. Stanley Baldwin the British Prime Minister stated the position and made the issue clear. The King with equal clearness stated his position. He would not marry Mrs. Simpson as King but he would give up his throne in order that he might do so. His irrevocable abdication followed and he was succeeded by his brother.

We are perhaps too close to the event to form a clear judgment. Did Edward VIII let us down? On the other hand did he behave as a gentleman should in the circumstances? Some will take one view and some another. Possibly facts still to be disclosed may lead us to another conclusion. What we can all join in now is the fervent hope that this stout hearted man who once meant so much to us may find in the course that he has chosen happiness and contentment.

The British Empire survives. It goes on in greater strength because of the strain to which it was subjected and surmounted. In no country on earth could such startling events take place without fighting and bloodshed. The crisis was met with calmness and dignity. The Throne still remains the great symbol of Imperial unity and he who occupies it with his gracious Queen and his pretty children gives promise that the days of George and Mary are with us again.

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

Violet Ursula Fraser in Montreal Star

As the eternal snows
On mountain peaks lie pure,
Never to pass away,
So shall their name endure.

Long as the sunset's fire
Feeds the eternal flame
Or Flanders' skylarks sing,
So long shall live their name.

Though the last scarlet shower
Of poppy petals lie
In the last golden sheaf,
Their name shall never die.

These who have pointed men
To brotherhood and peace
Through love and sacrifice—
Their fame shall never cease.

The Valedictory of Edward the VIII

The greatest empire on the earth gave up Edward VIII as King on December 11th and placed his oldest brother, Albert Frederick Arthur George on its throne. In three swift hours the British Houses of Commons and Lords approved the abdication of the sovereign who chose marriage with Mrs. Wallis Simpson, American divorcee instead of the ancient Crown.

Following his abdication the former King made

my duties as King as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love, and I want you to know that the decision that I have made has been mine and mine alone. This was a thing I had to judge entirely for myself.

The other persons, most closely concerned, have tried to the last to persuade me to take a different course.

I have made this most serious decision of my



—By Courtesy of the Edmonton Journal.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE VI

a statement by radio broadcast. The text of the statement follows:

At long last I am able to say a few words of my own. I have never wanted to withhold anything but until now it has not been constitutionally possible for me to speak. A few hours ago I discharged my last duty as King and Emperor and now that I have been succeeded by my brother, the Duke of York, my first words must be to declare my allegiance to him. This I do with all my heart.

You all know the reasons which have impelled me to renounce the throne, but I want you to understand that in making up my mind I did not forget the country or the empire which as Prince of Wales and lately as King, I have for 25 years tried to serve, but you must believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge



—By Courtesy of the Edmonton Journal.

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

life only upon the single thought of what would in the end be best for all. This decision has been made less difficult to me by the fore knowledge that my brother, with his long training in the public affairs of the country and with his fine qualities, will be able to take my place forthwith without interruption or injury to the life and progress of the empire. And he has one blessing, enjoyed by so many of you and not bestowed on me, a happy home with his wife and children.

During these hard days I have been comforted by Her Majesty my mother and by my family. The ministers of the crown and most particularly Mr. Baldwin, the prime minister, have always treated me with full consideration.

There has never been any constitutional difference between me and them and between me and parliament.

Following the constitutional tradition of my father I should have never allowed any such issue to rise. Ever since I was Prince of Wales and later on when I occupied the throne I have been treated with the greatest kindness by all classes of the people wherever I have lived or journeyed throughout the empire. For that I am very grateful. I now quit altogether public affairs and I lay down my burden.

It may be some time before I return to my native land but I shall always follow the fortunes of the British race and empire with profound interest and if at any time in the future I can be found of service to His Majesty in a private station I shall not fail.

And now we all have a new King. I wish him and you his people happiness and prosperity with all my heart. God bless you all. God save the King.

Life Story of New King

Dates in the life of King George VI.

Dec. 14, 1895—Born a prince, second son of George V., in York Cottage, Sandringham. Named Albert, Frederick, Arthur, George.

Jan. 1909—Entered the naval training college, Osborne, as cadet.

Jan. 18, 1913—Began six-month cruise which took him to West Indies, Canada and Newfoundland.

Aug. 29, 1913—Appointed midshipman to H.M.S. Collingwood.

Aug. 4, 1914—Started war service on his ship when Great Britain entered conflict.

Sept. 1914—Underwent an operation for appendicitis.

May 31, 1916—Served in the fore turret of the Collingwood at the battle of Jutland.

Sept. 1916—Granted sick leave for a major abdominal operation.

Feb. 1917—Appointed to Royal Naval air service and transferred to the Royal Air Force on reorganization, serving in France until the Armistice.

June 3, 1920—Created Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Killarney. Founded his camps for boys.

April 26, 1923—Married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, youngest daughter of the Earl of Strathmore.

Dec. 1924-April 1925—Toured East Africa.

April 21, 1926—Becomes a father on the birth in London of Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, first child of the Duke and Duchess.

Jan. 26, 1927—Departed via West Indies and Panama for New Zealand and Australia.

May 9, 1927—Opened parliament buildings of the commonwealth of Australia at Canberra.

Aug. 21, 1930—Second child Princess Margaret Rose born at Glasgow Castle, in Scotland.

Jan. 20, 1936—Became heir-presumptive on the death of his father George V. and accession of his elder brother, Edward.

Dec. 10—Succeeded to the throne on abdication of Edward VIII.

Major M. F. H. Browne, M.M., one of the original signallers in the 49th has recently rejoined the Edmonton Regiment (49th Battalion C.E.F.) and is in command of "A" Company.

The annual church parade of the Edmonton Regiment (49th Battalion C.E.F.) under Lieut. Colonel P. L. Debney, M.M., was held at All Saint's Cathedral on Sunday, November 8th, with Captain E. Pierce Goulding, regimental padre, officiating.

"LOYALS" WIN HONORS IN PALESTINE

Official news of especial interest to Edmonton military circles has just been received to the effect that 1st Battalion, Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) to which the 1st Battalion Edmonton Regiment (49th Battn., C.E.F.) is allied, has been awarded more decorations during emergency operations in Palestine between April and September of this year than any other regiment engaged in this area. The statement goes on to say that this award is probably the largest in number to any regiment at one time since the Great War. Most of the recipients have passed through the Loyal's Depot at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, Lancashire.

Sixteen officers and men of this Unit are named for these decorations which have been given for gallant and distinguished services in the late Palestine operations. They are as follows:

D.S.O.—Captain and Brevet-Major G. W. R. Templar and Captain Roger M. Gidlow-Jackson, M. C., Lieut. Godfrey Rimbault and 2nd Lieut. J. F. Whiteing.

D.C.M.—Pte. Allan Alcock, L.-Sgt. James Allen, Sgt. T. J. Connolly, Cpl. Arthur Tansey, Cpl. William Havnes and Pte. W. T. Price.

M.M.—Ptes. Thomas Boyle, J. D. Preston, A. H. Rogers, James Thomas and S. C. Ward.

The D.S.O. in this campaign has been awarded to only two Army officers, both Loyals as mentioned above. It has been awarded to one R.A.F. officer. Of the 14 army officers decorated, 5 belong to the Loyals and of the 50 men receiving these distinctions, 11 are on the strength of the famous Lancashire regiment.

Battle honors of the Loyal Regiment go back through the pages of history to the far-away date of Louisberg in 1759. For long years it has stood as one of the crack infantry regiments of the British army. The 49th Battn., C.E.F., perpetuated under the name of the 1st Battn. Edmonton Regiment, has every reason to be proud of its alliance to such a Unit, an alliance which is also shared by the Wide Bay Regiment of Queensland and the Kimberley Regiment of South Africa.

WAR MEMORIAL AT OTTAWA

It is the intention of the Dominion Government to have Canada's Great War Memorial set up in Ottawa in time for next year's celebration of Armistice. Canada's war memorial has been practically completed for some years, but removal from London where it was sculptured has awaited preparation of the site in Ottawa. The memorial, executed by the March family at Farnborough, includes a huge archway through which are passing figures, a symbol of Canada's outpouring in men, women and material to assist the Empire in the Great War.

SACK OF WHEAT FROM VIMY

During the Vimy pilgrimage members of the Canadian Legion who fought in that battle asked the Mayor of Vimy, as honorary president of their group, to send to the president of the Canadian Legion a bag of wheat from Vimy. This request was granted and a sack of wheat will be sent to Gaspé, Quebec for the creation there of a souvenir field, the annual crop of which will be symbolic of Peace. In this manner the farmers of Vimy will pay tribute to the Canadian farmers who defended their fields and homes.

Annual Meeting 49th Battalion (E. R.) Association

The annual general meeting of the 49th Battalion, E. R. Association, was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, November 26, 1936, at 8 o'clock, Vice President Major R. C. Arthurs, presided during the first part of the evening owing to the temporary absence of the president, Major General The Honourable W. A. Griesbach..

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and adopted on a motion by Comrades Waithe and Foley.

On a motion by Comrades Pinnell and Billingsley, Norman Arnold, Correspondence Secretary, was instructed to see that the officers, N.C.O.'s. of the 49th Militia Regiment were suitably thanked for their continued courtesy to this organization in supplying bands, color party and escort for the annual church parade.

A vote of thanks to Capt. Kinnaird for his kindness in auditing the association's accounts was passed unanimously on a motion by Earle Hay and George Foley.

Norman Arnold gave an interesting report in respect to the publication and distribution of our magazine, the "Forty Niner", stressing the fact that as far as possible every known member of the battalion was provided with a copy free of cost whether a paid up member of the association or not. This report was favorably received and on a motion by Earl Hay and Col. Harris a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Capt. Hunt, editor in chief and his able assistants.

Miles Palmer took occasion to point out to those present that a measure of appreciation could be shown to advertisers in the magazine if members of the association were to patronize their places of business and mention having observed their ad in the *Forty Niner*.

Col. Harris gave some very interesting information regarding the activities of the Loyal Regiment.

Norman Arnold then submitted a report covering the funerals of Forty Niners who passed away during the year. In all cases where possible, the association's regular wreath was sent and pallbearers supplied. Earle Hay stressed the importance of proper representation at funerals and asked that those present consider the advisability of appointing a committee of three members for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for funerals in future. The secretary's request was granted and the following committee was appointed:

J. W. H. Williams; Sid. Parsons; J. J. Blewitt; Fred Pinnell.

At this time General Griesbach arrived from the Macdonald Hotel where he was the guest of the Alberta Old Timers' Association and at the request of Major Arthurs took charge of the meeting.

The financial statement was then presented by the treasurer, N. H. Jones, which showed the finances to be in a very satisfactory condition. The statement was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered to the treasurer on a motion by Comrades Robb and Foley.

The correspondence secretary, Norman Arnold, then read letters from the Vancouver and Toronto Branches in regard to the providing of wreaths for deceased Forty Niners who were members of branches of the parent body. The letter from Vancouver indicated that, in the opinion of that branch,

all deceased 49'ers should be provided with suitable wreaths and that the expense in this regard should be borne by the parent body.

The communication from the Toronto branch embodied an offer to pay a per capita fee to the parent association to assist in defraying the expenses incident to the activities of the association, having particular reference to the cost of the publication of the magazine.

In order that those present might thoroughly understand the situation, General Griesbach gave a word sketch of the financial history of the association in Edmonton, pointing out that only a comparatively small portion of the association's funds were available for funerals and that such funds were raised from three sources; namely, annual dues, subscriptions, and profits from the magazine when there are any. The matter was then discussed at some length out of which discussion arose a motion by Sid Parsons to the effect that this association send a donation of \$10.00 (Ten dollars) to the Vancouver branch as a nucleus to which they could add for the purpose of providing wreaths for deceased members of that branch, this to be done in the interests of good fellowship. It is understood, however, that as no per capita fees were paid, the parent body could not be financially responsible. Further debate in the matter was indulged in. Then an amendment was proposed by Comrades Gleave and Billingsley to the effect that the whole matter be left in the hands of the incoming Executive with an understanding, however, that this meeting was of the opinion that the parent body could not at the present time assume further responsibility for members paying dues to branch organizations.

Comrade Parsons then arose and, with the consent of the seconder, Geo. Foley, withdrew his motion. The amendment then became a motion and was passed unanimously.

It was agreed by all present to hold the 1936-37 annual dinner on Saturday, January 9th in the Macdonald Hotel; also that the 1937 annual church parade be held as usual on the Sunday immediately following the 1937 Edmonton Exhibition. Necessary arrangements to be made by the incoming Executive.

Norman Cook then presented the association with a stein bearing a message of comradeship and the names of fifteen Forty Niners who were gathered for a dinner at the Allenby Club in London, England, during the Pilgrimage to Vimy. General Griesbach accepted the token on behalf of all Forty Niners with a few well chosen words of thanks to the Comrades who sent it—and to Norman for its safe delivery. Earle Hay was entrusted with the care of the stein, and instructed to see that it was available at the annual dinner in January, 1937.

The Correspondence Secretary was requested to write the president of the Allenby Club and tender the appreciation of our organization for the courtesy shown.

A vote of thanks to the Canadian Legion for the use of the room in the Memorial Hall for this meeting was passed unanimously on a motion by Comrades Robb and Foley. The election of Officers for 1937 was then proceeded with.

Comrade R. B. Simpson moved and Norman Cook seconded a motion to the effect that—

Major General Griesbach, Major Arthurs, Earle Hay, Neville Jones and Norman Arnold be re-elected to the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary, in the order named. The motion was carried unanimously.

Representative executive members from headquarters and each company were elected as follows—

Headquarters, Col. Harris, Major Chattell, Capt. Hunt; "A" Company, Geo. Gleave, Dan Collins, Geo. Crabb; "B" Company, Major Elliott, Major Hunter, Thomas Robb; "C" Company, D. Keating, J. Waithe, Walter Weir; "D" Company, Major Hale, Jock Henderson, Norman Cook.

The meeting then adjourned.

Those present at the annual meeting included—

F. T. Pinnell, 10845 86 Ave.; J. E. Billingsley, 12040 95 St.; A. L. Smith, 9029 99 St.; G. Foley, 10968 127 St.; F. H. Steele, 9933 105 St.; J. W. H. Williams, 11149 64 St.; L. G. Brown, A. G. Telephones; T. Robb, 10326 93 St.; G. W. Crabb, 10617 109 St.; A. H. Elliott, 12728 112 Ave.; L. C. Harris, 10205 125 St.; A. Cunningham, 10953 124 St.; Geo. D. Hunt, 12512 Stony Plain Rd.; Geo. Willson, Ste. 10 Magee Blk.; T. Journeaux, 9229 95 St.; R. G. Simpson, 9305 95 St.; D. Anderson, 9623 81 Ave.; F. Brunson, 10014 109 St.; J. A. Waithe, 9545 102a Ave.; J. J. Blewett, 10948 125 St.; R. Lamb, 10327 114 St.; H. Cliff, 10557 109 St.; G. Woodburn, 9750 92 St.; C. H. Vaughan, 10564 81 Ave.; C. B. Mathisen, 10017 123 St.; Walter Hunter, 9816 89 Ave.; Robert Dean, 11030 92 St.; Victor Gous-saint, St. Elmo Hotel, City; David High, Jarvie P.O. B. J. Trigslad, 7731 112 Ave.; A. H. Partick, 10128 87 St.; N. E. Cook, 10127 124 St.; D. Gilchrist, 8012 110 St.; D. Collins, P. O. Bldg.; Major R. C. Arthurs; N. H. Jones; Earle Hay; N. A. Arnold; General Griesbach; A. Stroud, 12734 124 St.; Wm. Aitkin, 10733 116 St.; T. Gallier, 11718 96 St.; R. Hargreaves, 12031 96 St.; J. F. Dewar, 11334 67 St.; W. Weir, 12508 128 St.; Wm. MacLean, 8002 100 St.; H. L. Whiteside, Prov. Gov. Farm, Oliver; A. Moir, 9518 106 Ave.; T. E. Southorn, 7902 80 Ave.; D. Keating, 11422 122 St.; H. Smith 9528 101a Ave.; Ned. Campbell, 10615 Jasper Ave.; J. R. Martin, 10232 101 St.; C. Dawes, 11906 92 St.; A. Pavious, 11712 95a St.; Miles F. Palmer, 10641 126 St.; George C. Gleave, 12611 Stony Plain Rd.; Wm. G. Rennie, 11757 122 St.; Sam Levine, Days-land; H. E. Floen, 9316 120 Ave.; W. H. Belcher, 7523 112 Ave.; E. W. Newland, 10529 130 St.; R. Wallwork, 10608 114 St.

A BRUSH WITH ARCHIE OR GET A SHAVE

All 49ers remember the front line at Vimy in the New Year 1917. Black frost and as cold as the Seventh Hell of Dante's Inferno. If a trench mortar shell or a 5.9 shell hit the trenches great chunks of dirt flew around like rock. George Hollins, Sergeant in charge of 6th Platoon "B" Company said "Phil, I would like you to go to the Y. M.C.A. dugout, where the Deisel electric narrow gauge runs and buy something for the boys, such as cigarettes, sardines, fancy biscuits, etc." I got the itemized list and started hiking along the communication trenches for the Y.M.C.A. canteen. Owing to the hard frost I had my feet encased in sand

bags like Missouri Moccasins and tied below the knees over the puttees. As you all know this was to prevent a fall on the icy trench mats. I was half way on my journey when I spied three staff officers coming along the communication trench towards me. I stood at the side to let them pass when my legs slipped and I got tangled up with the Brigadier, Archie Macdonnell, also the Brigade Major and our own Colonel "Billy" Griesbach. When we got distangled Archie said "What do you mean by knocking your general down. I thought you were shot."

"No such luck Sir" says I "the rum is weak up the line, but a lot of rum jars are coming over from Fritz".

"I must see to that" said Macdonnell "Come on Major. Come on Griesbach".

They gave me the once over and Archie said "Get a shave".

"I have lost my Gillett" says I. "So has the Brigade" said Archie. I looked at their chins and he was right. So a gallant brigadier went up the line and I went to the Y.

P. R. Bellsham,

"Old Phil".

ABSOLVES GENERAL GOUGH OF BLAME

A dispatch from London under date of December 7th says:

Eighteen years after he had been recalled following the Allied retreat of March, 1918, General Sir Hubert Gough, commander of the fifth army, has been vindicated by war-time Prime Minister David Lloyd George.

"I need hardly say that the facts which have come to my knowledge since the war have completely changed my mind as to the responsibility for that defeat," the former premier wrote the general. "You were completely let down, and no general could have won that battle under the conditions in which you were placed."

Said General Gough: "I have been through hell in the past 18 years. I was deeply wounded at the time of my dismissal but I am very grateful to Mr. Lloyd George for exonerating me, following upon Mr. Churchill, the late Lord Birkenhead and others, and for allowing me to publish his letter."

General Gough himself has never complained, firmly believing that one day his military reputation would be restored.

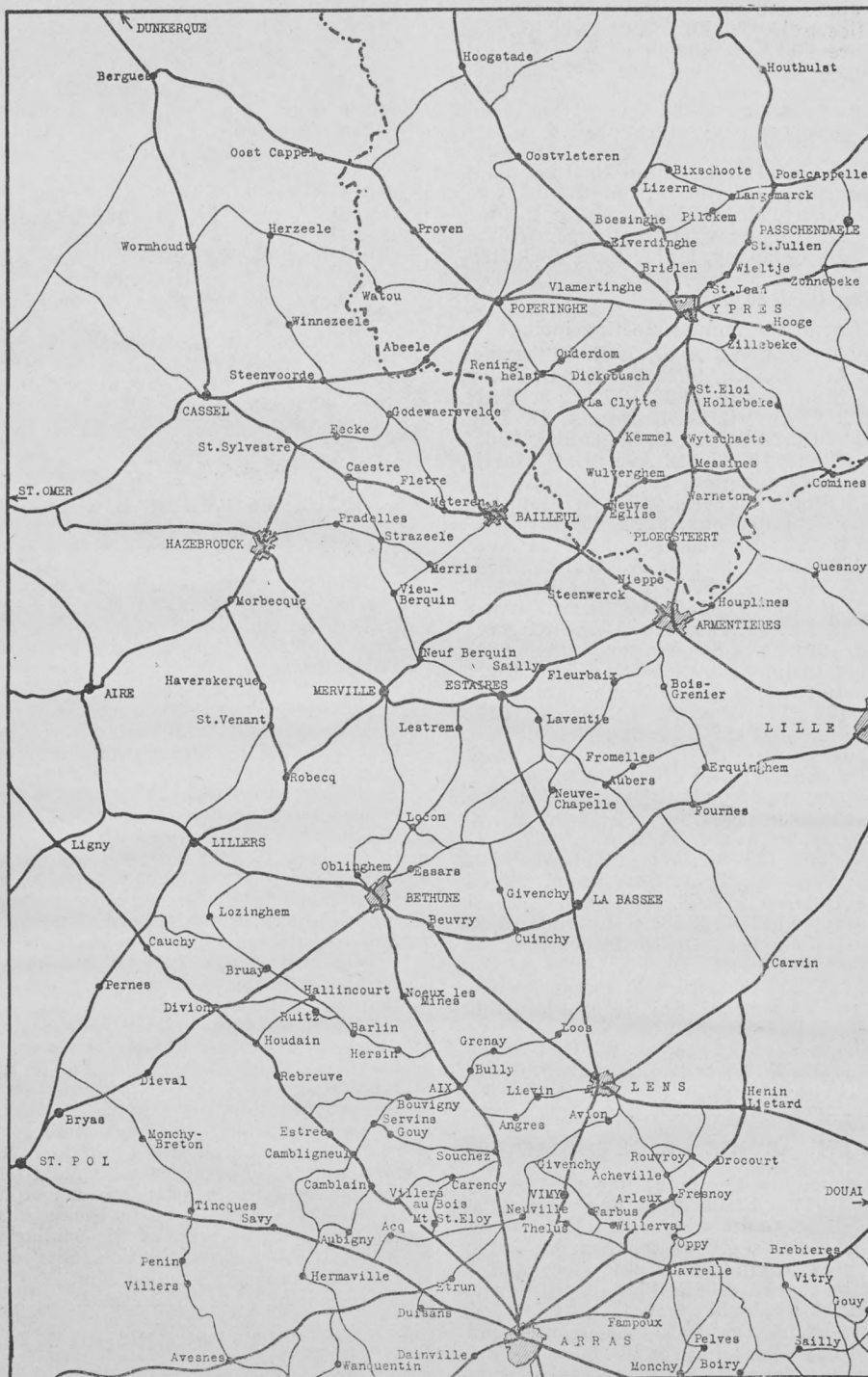
"It has come belatedly," he said, "but that doesn't make the relief any less tremendous. Tremendous, that's the word. To be told that I had blundered was a shattering blow. It robbed me of the personal joy I gained from other awards."

General Gough had been held responsible for a share of the March, 1918, defeat at St. Quentin on the Somme. For eight days his fifth army defied an enemy force of 42 divisions on a front of 42 miles. When the Germans broke through his inferior forces and the line of the Somme was lost to the Allies, the British war office relieved the general of his command and recalled him.

"SID" PARSONS RE-ELECTED

Sidney Parsons, President of the Edmonton Ex-Service Mens' Association for the past five years, was re-elected to that office at the annual meeting held in the Memorial Hall on December 15th.

THE BATTLEGROUND FROM ARRAS TO YPRES



This map, reproduced from *The Legionary*, gives an excellent idea of the ground over which the 49th fought during 1915, 1916 and 1917. To originals and reinforcements it will hold enthralling interest. It is doubtful if many of the troops at this stage can remember the relative positions of the places they once knew so well. The map will serve to vividly refresh their memories.

The Passchendaele Show—By Rolly Knight

It has been difficult to obtain any official record of the narrative covering the operations at Passchendaele. The battalion records which are at the Prince of Wales Armouries are either not complete or some vandal has stripped them. In consequence we have had to fall back on the memory of Rolly Knight who took part in the show and who at the time was an officer in "A" Company. Rolly Knight is now bursar of the Provincial Sanitarium at Bowness. Colonel Knight, since he returned from overseas, has carried on with the militia. He was in command of the 50th Regiment, Calgary, and is now the officer commanding the 24th Infantry Brigade, which includes the Calgary regiment (the old 50th), the Calgary Highlanders, South Alberta Regiment, the Edmonton Fusiliers and the Edmonton Regiment, the perpetuating unit of the 49th.

The period concerned in Rolly Knight's story covers practically the whole of the month of October, 1917. Here is the narrative:

The company was commanded by Capt. James Mead, M.C. Second in command Capt. Arkless.

Platoon commanders, Lieut. Rusconi, Lieut. R. C. Ames, Lieut. T. Shannon, Lieut. H. G. Stone, Lieut. E. R. Knight.

H. G. Stone rejoined the battalion during the month. R. C. Ames was, I believe at 1st Army School at Hardelet and joined the battalion just before the attack on the 30th, but did not participate.

The battalion left Neuville St. Vaast about the 5th after a rather uneventful tour in front of Mericourt, and reached Chelers on the 5th after a particularly hard march. Contrary to the usual practice the men had to carry their packs. No lorries could be scrounged.

Chelers was noted on account of its particularly poor billets, and the miserable Fall weather, wind and rain. In spite of this we did an immense amount of hard training, including rifle practice on one of the worst ranges I have ever had the misfortune to shoot. I well remember one day having charge of the Butt party. It had been raining all day. The butts were revetted with old fascines and were dug into that white clay for which that part of France was noted. When we finished I don't think I ever saw a more bedraggled, mud bespattered party of men. However, the training must have done some good, because I often heard it said by senior officers in later days, that the battalion was never in better shape than when it went into the Passchendaele show.

We left Chelers about the 16th or 17th by train, and were next billeted at Borre in the Hazebrouck

area. Here we had excellent billets, the hard training still continued. At this time Major G. W. McLeod, D.S.O. was acting as 2nd in command. I remember he gathered the officers together on more than one occasion and administered a severe strafe. The general improvement in training and discipline at this time, I have heard said, was due in no small measure to this officer's energy.

During our stay at Borre I remember we held a Church parade. The whole of the 7th Brigade were also inspected by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught. The stay here was livened to some extent by the occasional visit to Hazebrouck. However, all good times come to an end and about the 23rd we entrained for Ypres. We detrained and marched out to Wietze Farm, N.E. of Ypres. Arriving there the men bivouacked in old trenches and bivvys. The battalion H.Q.'s. was in a shallow dugout, and company officers in the odd tent. I remember "A" coy. officers at least had a tent, into which we all crowded. The mud was terrible. The conglomeration of troops was awful. Every arm of the service was represented, and it seemed that every yard of space was occupied.

The roar of traffic was incessant, heavy artillery and all the attendant noises of a vast concourse of troops. Add to this the perpetual bombing by the German aircraft. It was at this period the enemy air force, at least it so appeared, had the ascendancy.

As soon as we reached this area, parties of officers and N.C.O.'s. were detailed to reconnoitre routes into the front line. It was at this period the names such as No. 5 and No. 6 routes, Abraham Heights, Belle Vue Spur, Waterloo Farm, Pommern Castle, Somme Redoubt, and many others, were indelibly burned into the minds of all the troops. We were also called upon to supply working and carrying parties.

Personally, I remember being called upon to take a party from "A" Coy. to carry ammunition for a M.G. Coy. The dump was supposed to be in the vicinity of the field gun position in rear of Abraham Heights. It was not a healthy job.

On the 25th Capt. Mead was wounded by a splinter from a bomb, during the daylight bombing raid. It was a slight facial wound. I well remember it. I was standing in the entrance to the tent, and Jim Mead was in the act of shaving when the first bomb fell, and glancing round I saw blood on Jim's face. My first impression was that he had cut himself with the razor. As soon as I realized he was hit I pulled out my first aid dressing but Capt. Mead refused my attention, and said go out and see if any of the men are hit. We found 12 casualties, four of whom were killed. The bomb fell near a field kitchen. Jim for some time refused to go out but the Doctor insisted, so Capt. Arkless then assumed command of the Company.

On the morning of the 26th the 8th Bde. attacked on one battalion front and made a slight advance. Then on the night of the 27th a brigade reconnoitring party from the 7th Bde. was sent in under Major McLeod, consisting of one officer and four N.C.O.'s. from each company to reconnoitre the routes into the front line to the actual positions to be taken over. I had the job for my company.

THE AUTHOR



Rolly Knight, Charlie Walker

It was intended as far as I can remember that "A" and "D" companies would form the first line of attack with "C" in support and "B" in reserve. I am not sure of this, however, I know "A" Coy. was on the left and "D" on the right, because on arrival at the left company H.Q.'s I met Lloyd Bishopric of "D" and we had quite an argument as to which was in the right position. (Bishopric was killed in this battle). When I tell you that there were no trenches, just a series of posts in shell holes you will realize that it was not an easy place to locate. And the mud—I never saw anything like it, and hope I never will again. You sank to the knees at almost every step. I have been told that scores of men were lost by just becoming too exhausted to move farther in the terrible mud. They just laid down and died.

On this particular trip, I had the greatest difficulty in getting my party back. First one and then the other would become bogged in the mud and would have to be helped out. However we finally arrived back in company lines at Wieltze about 2 a.m. very wet and cold and much to our disgust there was not a drop of rum or liquor of any kind available.

The next day was spent in preparations. There was a meeting of all officers at Bn. H.Q.'s. at which we were told our tasks. I remember very well of being informed of the enormous amount of artillery that would be supporting us. I think it was said there would be one gun to every five yards of front. Whether this was so or not is a matter for conjecture.

We started out early in the evening. Right at the outset platoons marched at about fifty yards distance in order to minimize the effect of shell fire. We halted for some time in rear of Abraham Heights while the 9th Bde. made a small attack to straighten out the line. I know we got the benefit of some of the retaliation, suffering a few casualties including Sgt. (Taffy) Williams.

We started forward, I think about 10:00 p.m. (I am not sure of the time). Rear Bn. H.Q. was established at Waterloo Farm. The front line was located on a road about one or two hundred yards ahead of the Belle Vue Heights. I remember well that it was a bright moonlight night, and as we topped the ridge we received some rifle fire from snipers. Unfortunately we lost a particularly good L.G. Section commander here, called "Nickotichin" a Russian, (I cannot be sure of spelling). He was a very smart soldier. He was killed by a sniper.

We finally got into the line and completed the

relief. I think we relieved the 116th although I am not sure. Coy. H.Q.'s. were in Pill boxes. The pill box occupied by "A" Coy. was later to become forward Bn. H. Q.'s. for the attack. "D" Company pill box was used as field dressing station. The line consisted of a succession of posts in shell holes. We could not move much during daylight as we were constantly under observation. We were ordered to send out patrols from 8:00 p.m. onwards to cover our entire front. I took the first patrol for "A" Coy. We had rather a bad time, the forward posts being very jumpy and we were constantly fired at by our own men.

A few years ago I met a man in a military hospital here, who reminded me, the last time he had seen me was at Passchendaele when I had called him down for shooting at my patrol. I had a distinct recollection of the occasion, and imagine my language perhaps was not as choice as it might have been.

When I came in from patrol, I found orders had been received to move the starting line back about 150 yards in order to conform with the flanks, and to facilitate the barrage. I remember at about this time a runner came in to say they had heard voices speaking German in a dugout about 100 yards behind the line. Upon investigation we found two badly wounded Germans. They had been there for two or three days.

I don't remember the time of zero but think it was about 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. The line up of company was:—

O. C. Capt. O. P. Arkless.

2nd in command Lieut. Rusconi.

Ptn. Cmdrs. Lieuts, T. Shannon, H. G. Stone, E. R. Knight.

One platoon was commanded by a Sergt. I cannot think of his name although I saw him quite recently. He was badly wounded.

Directly we kicked off our casualties were heavy. We immediately came under a terrific fire both from M.G.'s. and artillery and in crossing the road to which I have referred, we were stopped principally by machine gun fire from Furst Farm. I forget how many men I had left but we managed to gather a few together and occupied shell holes and hung on. We were bombarded all day. During the day I saw Arkless, Shannon and Campbell of "C" Coy.

After dark we attempted to organize a little better defence. Just about this time S.O.S. went up on our right, and the enemy gave us a sharp bombardment. I had gathered up a Lewis gunner of the 2nd C. M. R's. and during this bombardment he was quite seriously wounded. Arkless had now taken over the left half of battalion front, and Alf Mackay of "D" Coy. the right half. The left half was divided into two sectors, I had charge on left and Shannon on right. A supporting line was organized with Lorne Campbell in command.

One incident I must refer to, when the Lewis gunner I have spoken of was wounded there was a yell for stretcher bearers, and Peterson, who was in the support line and wounded through the chest, came up and administered first aid, and finally got the chap out. R. H. Peach who was a runner on this occasion, later a sergeant, did splendid work for which he received the M.M.

During the night, Shannon who was out rounding up men scattered about in shell holes had the misfortune to run a bayonet in his leg. He was

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evacuated the next day and was in hospital for months.

Rations also came up during the night, in fact the carrying party crossed our line, and came almost on top of the enemy and in their hasty return they dropped and broke one jar of rum. Lieuts. Edwards and Auld came up at this time. The following day was fairly quiet, everybody, enemy included, were out gathering in the wounded. "A" Coy. went in 125 strong and had 91 casualties. We were relieved on night of 31st by the 42nd Battalion.

Arkless and I walked out to Waterloo Farm. What a place. I cannot describe it. A pill box. Inside there was almost twelve inches of soupy mud over the floor. It had been terrifically shelled. Wounded and dead lay all round outside and in. We were given a hot drink here, and after a short rest we started to walk out. Col. Palmer, Capt. Nolan, Arkless and I and a few runners. We made our way through gas with masks on to Pommern Castle Redoubt. There we met up with some rations including a bottle of whisky. Arkless and I lay down in a little funk hole and slept until about 8:00 a.m. We were disturbed by Major Weaver and continued on down to Ypres.

I should have mentioned that when going forward on the morning of 30th during the attack I saw Lt. Dow "C" Coy. coming back apparently wounded in the arm. He waved to me and pointed to his right arm, which was hanging down. As far as I know he was never seen again. Rusconi and Stone were killed. I saw both their bodies. They were original members of the battalion.

We spent the night of November 1st near Poperinghe in huts. I shall never forget the joy of a good cooked meal, clean clothes, roaring fire and warm bed. After that we moved out to Vinezele area where we lived in tents. We got a few reinforcements here, and returned to Ypres about Nov. 12th. I was appointed Asst. Adjt. on 9th November so I occupied rear Hq's. which was at Gold Fish Chateau on this occasion. We moved back about 17th or 18th arriving at St. Hilaire on 20th of November. There the unit stayed for nearly a month.

—E. R. Knight, Lieut.

Tentative Operation Order

Herewith is the tentative operation order issued on the morning of October 28th at 10:00 a.m.

49th Canadian Battalion, (Edmonton Rgt.)

Tentative Operation Order Number

SECRET Copy No.

Ref. Map

PASSCHENDAELE Sheet 1/10,000

1. INFORMATION—At a time and date to be notified the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will take, consolidate, and garrison the BLUE LINE as shown on map "B".

The 72nd Battalion of the 12th Can. Inf. Bde. will attack on the right and a Battn. of the 8th Can. Inf. Bde. on the Left of the 7th Can. Inf. Bde.

2. PLAN OF ATTACK—The Bde will attack with two Battns. in line, each Battn. on a two Coy. front.

The P.P.C.L.I. will attack on the Right, the 49th Can. Battn. (E.R.) on the Left.

The R.C.R. will be in Bde. Support and will provide carrying parties for the attacking Battalions.

The 42nd Battn. (R.H.C.) will be in Bde. Reserve.

3. FRONTAGES—The 49th Battn. will attack between the following frontages.

On the Right—the GRAVENSTAFEL, MOSSELMARKT, VINDICTIVE, Cross Rds., exclusive.

On the Left—From approximately D.5. a.2.7. running North East to the "V" in VINE COTTAGE to the junction of the light railway above the "D" in GOUDBERG thence to V.29.d.5.6.

The centre line of attack between Coys. will be approximately from D.5.a.4.1. North East to D.5.b.2.5. to D.5.b.5.8.

4. FORMATION—The Battalion will attack in three waves

The first wave will take, consolidate, and garrison the BLUE LINE.

The Second and Third Waves will consolidate and garrison a Support Line approximately 100 yards in advance of VINE COTTAGE ROAD.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF COMPANIES—"B" and "C" Coys will provide the First Wave in order named from Right of Battalion Boundary.

"D" and "A" Coys. will provide the Second Third Wave in lines of sections in single file at about 30 paces distance, in order named from Right of Battalion Boundary.

All "Moppers Up" including "Moppers Up" for the area between the BLUE Objective and Support Line will be supplied by the Second Wave.

On completion of the "Mopping Up" the second wave will fall back to the Support Line.

6. ASSEMBLY—On "X/Y" Night "D" and "A" Coys. will garrison the Front (RED) Line and "B" and "C" Coys assemble in close support thereto.

On "Y/Z" Night "B" and "C" Coys. will go through "D" and "A" Coys. and assemble on a line of stakes or wire in advance of RED Line.

7. COMMUNICATION—Lieut. R. V. Patterson with 2 Hqr. runners will act as Liason Officer and report to the Headquarters of the Battn. of the 8th Can. Inf. Bde. on the Left.

Lieut. J. H. Emley with 2 Hdqr. runners will act as Liason Officers and report to the Headquarters of the P.P.C.L.I. on the Right.

2 Signallers with Lucas Lamp will report to "B" and "C" Coys. and 2 with flags to "A" and "D" Coys.

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2 Linesmen will report to Bde. Signalling Officer and go forward with Bde. Party to Advanced Bde. Report Centre.

Battn. Signal Section will establish Advanced Stations at a Central Point with Lucas Lamp and advise Bde. of location to enable a laddered telephone line to be connected therewith.

A laddered line will also be laid from Advanced Battn. Station to Battn. Hdqrs.

Six pigeons will be supplied to each Battalion to be used under their own arrangements.

If Battn. Hdqrs. move forward an Officer will be left at previous Battn. Hdqrs. until communication is established forward.

No Battn. Hdqrs. will move without Bde. permission.

Aeroplane flares will be carried by troops.

Runners will only be used when other means of communication fail.

Luminous tape (for night work) will be laid from Bde. Hdqrs. to Advance Brigade Report Centre—from the latter to Advance Battn. Report centre—from the latter to Battn. Hdqrs.

Important messages should be sent in duplicate with runners at 100 yards interval.

Battn. Hdqrs. will be marked at night by three lights in a vertical line thus:—

X
X
X

Bde. Hdqrs. and Bde. Report Centre will be marked by a single red lamp.

8. DRESS EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS—

(a) Dress—Overcoats and rubber sheets will be taken into RED LINE and from there forward rubber sheets only will be taken; Overcoats being left at Dump and carried forward by carrying parties from R.C.R.

(b) Ammunition—At least 170 rounds per man except for Signallers, Scouts, Runners, Lewis Gunners, and Bombers who will carry 50 rounds.

(c) Grenades—Each Bomber will carry 8 Mills Grenades, each man excluding Lewis Gunners, 2 Rifle Grenades.

Each Rifle Grenadier will carry 10 Rifle Grenades.

(d) Rations and Water—Two Iron Rations in Haversack, unexpended portion of

days rations, and tin of solidified alcohol will be carried by each man.

Water Bottles filled.

(e) General—Each man will carry three sandbags and each Company will carry 100 shovels and 24 S.O.S. Rifle Grenades (No. 32).

Muzzle protectors will be worn on all rifles.

9 DUMPS—Ammunition, Stretcher, and Reserve water Dumps will be established in RED LINE.

10. BARRAGE—Programme attached.

11. 7th TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY—Two guns of the 7th Trench Mortar Battery will be allotted to the Battalion to be used as desired.

12. MACHINE GUNS—As laid down by Divisional Hdqrs.

13. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS—Regimental Aid Posts will be established at KRONPRINZ FARM D.3.c.5.4. WATERLOO FARM D.9. d.4.8.

Support R.A.P. at OTTO FARM D.15.a.

1.1.

14. S.O.S.—The S.O.S. Line will be as shown in Artillery Programme.

The S.O.S. Signal—a Rifle Grenade (No. 32) Signal-Parachute—3 Lights Red over Green over Yellow.

15. REPORTS—To Battn. Hdqrs. in RED LINE or as located on "X/Y" night.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. P. CHATTELL,

Major and Adjutant for

C.O. 49th Canadian Battalion.

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3. 12th C.I.B.
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5. 72nd Can. Battn.
6. P.P.C.L.I.
7. R.C.R.
8. 7th T.M. Bty.
9. "A" Coy.
10. "B" Coy.
11. "C" Coy.
12. "D" Coy.
13. M. O.
14. Commn.
15. Hdqrs.
16. File.
17. Spare.
18. Spare.

Issued by runner 10 A.M.

October 26th, 1917.

Supplementary Order

The following is a supplementary operation order issued by Major A. P. Chattell, Adjutant, at 11:30 a.m., presumably on the morning of October 28th, 1917.

49th Canadian Battalion, (Edmonton Rgt.)

Operation Order No. 129.

SECRET Copy No.

Ref. Map

Sheet 28 1/40000

PASSCHENDAELE 1/10000.

1. INFORMATION—The Brigade less R.C.R. will relieve 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade in line on night 28/29 October.

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2. INTENTION—To relieve 116th Canadian Battalion in front and support lines on night 28/29 October.
3. DISPOSITION—On completion of relief on night Oct. 28/29 disposition of Companies will be as follows:
 - D. Co.—On right of outpost and front line from approx. D.5.c.10.55. to D.4.d.80.80.
 - A. Co.—On left of outpost and front line from approx. D.4.d.80.80. to D.4.b.5.2.
 - B. Co.—Support line running approximately through 4.4.d. central, from D.4.d.5.2. to D.4.d.3.8.
 - C. Co.—In D.g.b. central.
 - I Co. P.P.C.L.I.—Will be tactically under orders of 49th Battalion from 4 p.m. Oct. 28th, 1917, at which hour this company will report to 49th Battalion at Wieltje Farm dugouts. On completion of relief this company will occupy front and support lines on right of Gravenstafel, Vindictive, Cross Roads.
4. RELIEF—Battalion will move off at 4 p.m. in the following order:
 - Co. P.P.C.L.I. Headquarters.
 - D. Company.
 - A. Company.
 - B. Company.
 - C. Company.
 During march to forward area intervals of at least 50 yards will be maintained between platoons.
5. GUIDES—1 guide for Battalion Headquarters and 2 guides per platoon from 116th Battalion will rendezvous at Waterloo Farm by 6:30 p.m. to meet incoming platoons.
6. REPORTS—Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Headquarters Waterloo D.g.d.8.8. by code phrase "Your A.P.C. 129 received at".

Copies to:

1. 7th C.I.B.
2. P.P.C.L.I.
3. 116th Battalion.
4. "A" Company.
5. "B" Company.
6. "C" Company.
7. "D" Company.
8. Headquarters.
9. File.

A. P. CHATTELL,

Major and Adjutant.

Issued by runner at 11:30 a.m.

MONS MAYOR PRAISES CANADIANS

General Sir Frederick Loomis, Commander of the 3rd Canadian Division Overseas received the following letter from the mayor of the once shell torn Belgian municipality of Mons just immediately prior to Armistice Day this year:

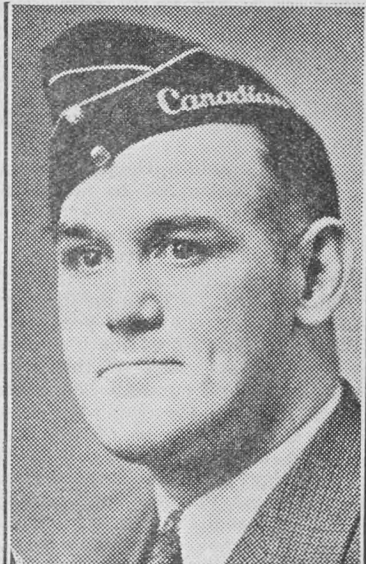
"As this letter reaches you, the City of Mons, which keeps forever the memory of her valiant Canadian liberators, will celebrate the anniversary of Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918." read the Belgian burgomaster's message. "Our affectionate and grateful thoughts go out to you, to the valiant British army, and more particularly to Canadian regiments who distinguished themselves in the fields of Mons."

The 7th brigade took Mons the morning of the 11th November, 1918.

"OUR OWN MILES" BIOGRAPHY

In the Edmonton Bulletin "Who's Who" column appeared recently a biographical sketch of Miles Palmer. The only omission from this sketch of Miles' activities is the fact that he is one of the stalwarts who has been very successful in selling advertising in the Forty-Niner. The following is the Bulletin's story:

Miles Franklin Palmer; life assurance salesman. Residence 10641 126 street. Born April 16, 1899 at Port Elgin, Ontario, son of Frank Palmer, Barrister of Walkerton, Ontario and Elizabeth Young (Palmer) of Port Elgin, Ontario. Educated at Port Elgin. Married on July 2, 1928 to Queenie Aemelia Watson, daughter of Fred S. Watson and Orillia Jane Baker Watson at Edmonton. Has one son, Miles Frederick and one daughter Wilma Katherina. Started business career at Edmonton with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in June, 1926, and with that organization since. Religion, Presbyterian. Recreations swimming, boxing and golf. Is well known in all athletic circles. Played with Eskimo rugby team 1920-21-22-23-24. Held



Miles Palmer

Alberta Championships in middle weight, light-heavy weight and heavy weight, in 1924 and Dominion middle weight championship in 1925. Also played lacrosse with Edmonton Eskimos when they won the provincial title. Was original member of 49th Battalion of Edmonton with which unit he served in France. Member 49th Battalion Association. Business address: 320 Empire Building, Edmonton.

MAJOR FLOEN HAS NEW SKI JUMP

Major H. E. Floen, "B" Company and bombers, who lost a leg in the fighting on the Somme, is chairman of the construction committee of the Edmonton Ski Club. This club recently erected a new ski tower on the Connors' Hill, which can be seen from any point in the centre of the city looking down the river. Major Floen was the first president of the Edmonton Ski Club, which was organized twenty five years ago, and which started out with a membership of only six, all natives of Norway. The club now has a membership of ninety, a large percentage of this membership being made up of Canadian born men and boys whose parents never saw Norway or Sweden. This indicates the extent to which this popular sport has developed in recent years in Canada. The new Edmonton ski jump is regarded as the finest artificial jump in the whole of Canada.

Canadian Corps Association

Originating in Flanders fields 20 years ago and kept alive by friendships moulded in the heat of battle, Canadian Corps association has been revived as an organization in the city.

Purpose of the organization is to provide a medium whereby service men could renew friendships and acquaintances, explained Major Gen. W. A. Griesbach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C. Recreation and personal friendship were to be primary objectives of the new organization, he said.

Officers elected were: president H. A. Dyde; first vice-president, W. Oliver; second vice-president E. Litchfield; third vice-president, S. Hewer; secretary, E. N. Sturrock; treasurer, Alex. Nevin; committee, H. N. Johnston, J. S. Park, B. Scott, W. Bryce, J. L. B. Claxton and H. Scott.

It is expected the association will parade on occasion.

The Canadian Corps Association has embarked upon a programme to design a united policy for "whatever eventual modernization of our economic structure may be in the best interests of all." The Association plans to take an active but non-political part in the national life through study of Canadian problems. At a reunion dinner in Toronto shortly after Armistice of this year, attended by over two thousand former officers and men a campaign to widen the activities of the organization was launched. Recently a unit has been established in Edmonton and is meeting with success. It is expected that before the end of the winter the Edmonton branch will have a membership of one thousand. The Calgary branch formed some time ago already has a membership of considerably over this number. Lieut. Colonel Poupore of Toronto, president of the association told the members attending the dinner in Toronto, the organization was the outgrowth of the 1934 Corps reunion. Ontario already has one hundred and twenty five units with a membership of over fifty thousand. On the occasion of the

dinner in Toronto in November a number of addresses were delivered over a nation wide broadcast, among which was that of General Griesbach, who spoke from Edmonton. The text of his address was as follows:

"I have been told that the energetic Canadian Corps association wants a two-minute talk from me, and I am happy to add my quota to the messages which tonight are coming across the air to the veterans from coast to coast. Perhaps the members of the First brigade and the good old 49th battalion heard too much from me during four years of war, but even so, I am sure that they can stand another two minutes from one who loves them all, and wishes them luck.

"Nineteen years after the Armistice, it will do no harm and may do us all good to recall the brief and glorious history of the Canadian Corps. And all you men who wear the blue, green, grey and maroon berets will not mind. I am sure, if I mention that the Old Red Patch division necessarily existed and fought as the only Canadian division before the corps came into being.

40,000 Volunteers

"On Aug. 1, 1914, Canada offered to send one division in the event of war, and Britain accepted. The government called for 20,000 volunteers, but within a month 40,000 were encamped at Valcartier. On Oct. 3, 1914, over 30,000 Canadian soldiers in 30 ships left Canada to show the empire that we considered ourselves as part of the empire. By Feb. 15, 1915, the First division, 18,500 strong, was in France. By March 3, Canada was defending its allotted share of the trenches on the western front.

"You will pardon the personal pride of a member of that glorious division when I say Canada became a nation on April 22, 1915. On that day the enemy released dense clouds of chlorine gas and opened a breach in the western front four miles wide. It was left to the young men of Canada to counter-attack and save the day.

"In the succeeding days of this battle, the Canadian casualties were over 6,000 of which 2,000 were killed. Thus in a baptism of blood, the name of Canada was heralded around the world as a synonym for courage, discipline and loyalty; and in the days, months, and years which followed, Canadian soldiers of all divisions upheld a reputation which was second to none in the Allied armies.

Second and Third in 1915

"The arrival in France of the Second Canadian division in September, 1915 resulted in the formation of the Canadian Corps. By December, 1915, the Third Canadian division was formed from units already in the field. In August, 1916, the Fourth Canadian division joined the corps, which with corps troops remained from then until the end of the war a solid fighting force of 100,000 strong.

"Their battle engagements need not be recalled. What more need I say to my listeners than that the Canadian Corps came home in 1919 leaving behind them 60,000 of their beloved comrades, who sleep in foreign fields in that full triumph which their faith foreknew but might not live to see."

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A Touched-Up War Diary—F. R. Hasse, Reg. No. 432944

The author of this War Diary is F. R. Hasse, a member of "A" Company and later "The Signals". He is now a resident of the Old Country, having taken a twenty-year pension from the R.C.M. Police. This Diary is of absorbing interest to the men who were with the battalion in the earlier days in France, just as Mounsey's War Diary was of particular interest to the men who were in France in the later stages. This is the fourth instalment.

CHAPTER 4

Sept. 19th, 1916—After being in France for nearly a year without touching our buttons we now find we have to shine up. The way this old war is being run keeps some of us guessing. Camouflage is recognized as a most important feature of modern warfare, and we are very sensibly dressed in khaki in order to be as invisible as possible to the enemy—and then we have to shine our buttons and badges, and by so doing making it easy for Fritz's observers, in aeroplanes and balloons, to spot us on the march. We know it is not our own officers' doing, and probably not Brigade's doing either for they know something of the muck of the trenches: it is the order of some big Brass Hat who wants to see his little boys looking nice on parade—some Brass Hat who will die in his bed at a ripe old age. It would be more to the point if he would inspect our underwear which he would find crawling with lice though we know that nobody is to blame for this for we get baths and change of clothing whenever possible. The argument that it is necessary for a soldier to shine up in order to keep his self-respect may have been true enough in Wellington's day but it doesn't go now—certainly not in a Western Canadian battalion where officers and men are all drawn from the same walk in life. We are capable of keeping our self-respect in other ways than by adverting our presence to the enemy and drawing shell fire. But enough of this grouching.



F. R. Hasse

Sept. 10th—We take the road early on our march to the Somme. A very happy crowd on the march, is this Signalling Section of ours. As we enter each village, Spence, in the rear of the section, starts up "This is my daughter's wedding day etc." and we greet each line vociferously with the requisite cheers or groans. The natives look on amused and no doubt conclude we are a little mad. We get to Pernois in good time and are billeted in barns. A battle royal takes place in the barn at night, the ammunition employed being green apples, windfalls from nearby trees. Half the section, well

supplied with ammunition, take up their position on the loft full of straw, which the other half eventually storm. A most desperate affray, for a green apple is not the softest of missiles. Strange that men engaged in the grimmest and greatest war the world has ever known should act like a bunch of irresponsible and happy school-boys behind the lines.

Sept. 11th—A ten mile march to Rubempre. Billeted in barns again. The diary of a German officer, captured on the Somme, is read out to us, and it proves of great interest. It would appear from this that the morale of the battalion he served in was very low; but we have a sneaking suspicion that the translator of the diary has made it appear worse than it is, in order to put the greater heart into us.

Sept. 12th—A short six miles march to Contay. Billeted in huts in a wood. Wander around the town in the evening and talk with fellows who have just come out of the trenches on the Thiepval front. They tell us they would sooner be there than in the Ypres Salient.

Sept 13th—March into Albert. Much cheered by the sight of a group of German prisoners, about twenty in number—the first group of prisoners we have seen since we came to France. As we march through Albert we see the figure of the Virgin leaning over from the tower of the ruined church and we are told it is the firm belief of the natives that the war will end when the figure falls. We camp on a hill outside Albert. Bill English, Pete Livingstone and I fix up a bivouac and make ourselves as comfortable as possible. A rumour round the camp in the evening that the Battalion is to take part soon in a big attack.

Sept 14th—Spend day around the vicinity of the camp. In morning visit the great crater which was made by tons of explosives on July 1st—the signal for the big offensive to commence. During the past few days we have heard a good deal of some mysterious Landships (later known as Tanks) which are to be used in the coming offensive. Get an opportunity in the afternoon of seeing these Landships. Weird looking affairs, heavily armoured-plated, with no wheels, but propelled by immense caterpillar chains which encompass the whole machines. There are slits in the armour-plating through which a quick-firing gun, also machine-guns, can be fired. These Landships are said to be able to travel anywhere and it is expected they will give Fritz a rude shock. Hear they are to go up the line to-night.

We are issued with battle flashes, coloured gray and blue, and told to sew these little rectangular patches on our tunics. A nice mess most of us make of the job, Adam Mason's efforts in particular causing a great deal of merriment (this work was later done by the regimental tailor). See an enemy observation balloon brought down in flames. At 6:30 p.m. our guns open up and firing continues all through the night.

Sept. 15th—The big offensive is on and word comes

through that the attack early this morning has been a great success. We cheer a large body of cavalry as they sweep by our camp to go into action. The news has come down the line that the German front is broken and we have visions of the cavalry pursuing the flying enemy. But our hopes are shattered later on, for the cavalry returns without having been able to get into action.

The 49th moves up the line. Our objective is stated to be the German trenches to the right of Courcelette. I am detailed to remain behind—it seems it is the Colonel's orders, after one brother has been killed, for the other to be kept out of the front line. Fifteen per cent of the section also remains behind, after having drawn lots. We leave the bivouac camp and go over to the Transport Lines.

Sept 16th—Good news comes down from the line. Go over to dressing station on the Albert Road and talk to some of our wounded, who report that the attack is going well. Capt. Travers comes down from the line with eight prisoners. Shortly afterwards a big batch of 320 prisoners pass the dressing station. Other batches, large and small, follow and during the day over a thousand prisoners pass by. A good looking lot physically, but their faces are dull and expressionless and there is no trace of the fighting spirit which they no doubt once possessed.

Witness a rare case of brutality towards a prisoner, a walking wounded case. After getting his wound in the head attended to at the dressing station, he is about to step into an ambulance when he is kicked in the face by one of our own wounded already seated there, and told to "Get out, your b..." The action is strongly resented by others of our wounded, and the German is told to come in, but he is too afraid to venture back. It is the first occasion I have seen a prisoner ill-used and it can no doubt be attributed to the fact that our own wounded man was embittered by suffering and pain.

Sept. 17th—The Battalion comes out in the early morning flushed with its first big triumph. After living like rats in the trenches of the Ypres Salient for five months, the 49th has at last met Fritz on even terms and a great victory has been gained. Prisoners taken by the Battalion number over two hundred. Total advance of the 7th Brigade is estimated at 2100 yards and prisoners captured by the Brigade number nearly a thousand. But casualties have been heavy, though lighter than the enemy's. The 49th is estimated to have had

between three and four hundred killed and wounded. Only about half of our Signalling Section comes out of the line. Ross has been killed, ten have been wounded and seven are reported missing. Hear that Rawlinson, of the Scout Section, is among the casualties, with the loss of an eye. The Battalion camps once more on the hill-side vacated on the 15th.

Sept. 18th—A wet morning. The Colonel comes round and talks racily of the day and a half's fighting, comparing notes with the fellows. Morton, Armstrong and Clarke of our section turn up, after having been reported missing. Armstrong and I, while looking through some old trenches, come across some good dug-outs. Exchange our soaked bivouac camp for the dug-outs, and make a fire with some rustled coke and get dried out a bit. McGillivray shows us a German field telephone which he found in a captured dug-out. A good instrument but heavier and more cumbersome than our own. He disposes of it later to the O.C. of the section for seventy-five francs.

Sept. 19th—The Battalion moves into billets in Albert. Everybody glad of the chance of a wash and a shave. Make ourselves as comfortable as possible in the shattered houses which are without doors or windows, but we are able to rustle enough wood to keep a fire going. Our blankets were all turned in before we came down to the Somme, for we are travelling in light order, and the stone floors of the broken down buildings are our only beds. We double up together, with one overcoat beneath and one on top, in an effort to keep warm. The town is shelled during the night but we have no casualties.

Sept. 21st—Day passes uneventually. Am detailed on working party up the line at night. Two members of the party are wounded by shell splinters. We dig a communication trench and don't take long about it. On our return have to make wide detour to avoid a munition dump which has been fired. Dead tired on return to billets.

Sept. 23rd—The Battalion leaves Albert in the early morning and marches to Warloy, which we reach about 10:00 a.m. Our section is billeted in a big barn with the Scouts. Get a letter from Charlie Wampler, headed "France, Sept. 19th", which reads:

Friend Hasse,

I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and doing fine, considering the wounds I have. All the signallers with "D" Company got hit with me the first time I got it, also the runners and Coy. O.C. Mine was not bad at the time. I dressed the officer and one of the runners and we all started back. Forbes and I were carrying one of the runners when we got hit again. I got my right leg broken and a bad wound in the arm. I crawled about fifty yards to a shell hole and put a tourniquet on my leg to stop the blood. Forbes had his arm broken but as he could walk I told him he might as well try to get out. He started but I don't know if he made it or not. I lay for about five hours when I was picked up by a 49th S.B. and one of the sanitary men. And I think that ends my fighting. The sister here says that it will be at least six months before I can walk. I am in a fine hospital. It is an American hospital. I think I will be here some time before I go to Blighty. I am on chicken diet, no more bully beef for mine. Tell all the

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boys to write to me who care, to and be sure to write yourself. I turned the telescope I had in at the 6th Field Ambulance to be returned to the 49th. Be sure and have any mail forwarded. If a parcel of tobacco should come give it to the boys as I can't chew here. My address is 100739 Pte. C. Wampler, No. 22 General Hospital, B.E.F., France. With best wishes to all the boys, I remain as ever,

Your Pal Wamp.

We got word yesterday that Forbes, mentioned in this letter, got out all right; also Radcliffe and Trimble. This leaves only one member of our section missing—Tommy Fox—and there seems no doubt he's been killed. Now, some men under fire are afraid and show it, others, the big majority, are afraid but don't show it, and some, not many, have no fear at all. Tommy Fox was most certainly in that last group, and it was not because he lacked imagination. He is going to be missed as a linesman, for whenever a line was broken, Tommy Fox, grinning cheerfully, would set out to repair it, no matter how bad the shelling was. Not that he used to take foolish chances though he was sometimes careless about wearing his steel helmet—I remember a stretcher-bearer, in the Salient, telling him that he would like to see him with his tin lid on, seeing that he was a heavy man, which remark made Tommy's grin expand more than ever.

Sept 24th—On the road again. Get to Val de Maison in good time. Camp here under canvas. General Lipsett addresses the Battalion and congratulates us on the good work done on Sept. 16. A fine officer with an inspiring presence about him.

Sept. 26th—Spend quiet day in Montrelet, which we reached yesterday. Get good news from up the line, where the 1st and 2nd Divisions are reported to have done some fine work. Concert, organized by Capt. Plunkett, is held in the evening in the Y.M.C.A. A most enjoyable affair, for Capt. Plunkett knows what to give the troops. Hear we are to make a forced march back to the trenches to-morrow.

Sept. 27th—March to Contay, some sixteen miles distant. Make good time for all packs are carried on motor lorry. Much cheered en route by news that Thiepval has been captured with a large number of prisoners. Go into camp in the same huts we occupied on the 12th of the month. A draft of Forty-Niners from Blighty, recovered from their wounds, rejoin us here. Evans and Mike Dempsey, members of the draft, rejoin our section. It seems that some of the bunch could have remained in England but they got tired of Blighty and strict camp discipline and asked to be put on the draft in order to be with "the boys" once more, which speaks volumes for the fine comradeship and good fellowship in our Battalion. The Imperial system of returning men from Blighty to strange units would be highly unpopular with Canadians and would not work at all.

Sept 28th—On the road again. Roads heavy and march a hard one. Arrive in Albert and we are billeted once more in the buildings that have suffered least in the shelling. News from up the line continues good. More extracts from diaries of captured Germans are read out to us. These extracts, without exception, are of a very gloomy nature and the morale of the enemy, according to these diaries, must be at a very low ebb, for no Canadian soldier, certainly no member of our Bat-

talion, would make such entries. But we remain a little sceptical regarding these translated extracts which we know have been prepared with the one object of gingering up the troops.

Sept. 30th—Spend a lazy day in Albert. Am on working party at night, building up a road for the big guns. Our artillery very active. As we walk along in the dark it is disconcerting, to say the least, when one of our hidden guns opens up, only a few yards away.

Oct. 2nd—The Battalion goes up to Tara Hill in the morning and in the afternoon proceeds to the trenches. Macdonald, Foster, Dancocks and myself, of the Signalling Section, are left behind. A wet miserable day.

Oct. 3rd—Go up the line at night with a ration party. After the recent rains the ground is one great morass and the going is heavy. Struggling through the mud is an effort in itself, and the loads we are carrying make the going a lot harder. But the line is quiet, there being little shelling on either side. On the way back Macdonald and I try to board a motor lorry which unexpectedly comes along. As we run after it we throw our rifles in at the back in order to be able to climb in the easier; but it is my luck then to step into a hole and fall flat on the cobble stones. Macdonald stops to help me up and the lorry rumbles away in the darkness. We are not concerned at the loss of our rifles, for they can be picked up anywhere, but, in our played out condition, we much regret having lost the lorry. Land back caked over thick with mud.

Oct. 4th—The Battalion is to come out to-night and those of us who have stayed behind go up to Tara Hill to fix up the dugouts a bit for the fellows when they arrive. The order is changed however and we are told that the Battalion will be billeted once more in Albert. The Battalion comes out in "column of lumps" at all hours of the night. Everybody in awful shape, being hardly recognizable for the mud which is plastered all over them. See a group of kilties of the 1st Division coming out minus their kilts, which their owners had discarded while struggling through the mud. We had a good fire

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blazing for the section and they feel different men after a supper of steak and potatoes, in fairly plentiful quantities for once, and a good rum ration. Casualties have been light this trip in the line.

Oct. 5th—The Battalion spends the day, fortunately a fine one, in scraping the mud off clothing, equipment and rifles. We can be thankful we are no longer cursed with the Ross rifle which would have been utterly useless under these conditions. Fritz had his Marines in the trenches opposite us this last trip. One of them, a big fellow in a dark uniform, came across and gave himself up. He was happy as a clam at high tide at having negotiated No Man's Land successfully and wanted to hug our man who took him prisoner. In the evening half of our section go to a movie show. A sloppy sentimental film but the gang, led by Bill Frame, make an uproarious burlesque out of it. If the unfortunate heroine had been there that night, and had heard the ribaldry of the troops, it would have been enough to have made her forswear movie acting for the rest of her life.

Oct. 6th—The Battalion is to go up the line again to-morrow. Everything points to another big offensive and the Battalion is expecting to "go over the top" again. Fellows cheerful and there is a "we should worry" attitude everywhere. Everybody confident and hoping for a repetition of the success gained on Sept. 16th.

Oct. 7th—Battalion leaves Tara Hill for the trenches at 2:00 p.m. An attack is to be pulled off early to-morrow morning. Of the Signalling Section four of us remain behind—Armstrong, Mason, Cutres and myself.

Oct. 8th—Bad news comes down to us from the line. The fellows went over the top early this morning with Regina Trench as objective, but our artillery had not been effective enough and they found themselves confronted by impassable wire, behind which the enemy was in force. Gallantry availed nothing under such circumstances and the Battalion was mowed down, those not wounded taking refuge in shell-holes. It is rumoured that the Battalion has been all but wiped out.

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Corpl. Batt and Botel return from hospital. We did not expect Batt would be back so soon and we had just opened up a parcel that had come for him, and are digging in to it, when he walks in. He is at once invited to sit down and have something of his own parcel! It is customary, and agreed on by all, that parcels that come for men in hospital should be opened up and shared by the section. The same thing is done if a parcel comes for a man after he has been killed. The sender in such a case is naturally written to and told that the parcel has been opened up and shared by his comrades. In two such instances the sender, a mother in each case, has continued to send parcels to the section.

Oct. 9th—We go to Tara Hill and prepare camp for the Battalion, but we are later detailed to billets in Albert. The Battalion comes out of the line less than 150 strong. Our section has been hard hit again, Shipman having been killed and Morton and Ford reported missing; Widger wounded. Our attack yesterday, owing to lack of the necessary artillery preparation, was almost a complete failure, only a few of "D" Company succeeding in getting a foothold in Regina Trench. The German Marines opposing us were evidently stout fighters, and decent fellows too, for last night their stretcher-bearers and first-aid men helped in No Man's Land to fix up our wounded before they were brought back to our lines.

It is a dispirited group at supper this evening. Those who have been in the lines this trip have been as near hell as anybody on this earth could ever get, and they are far from their normal selves. Evans has been unusually quiet but the rum ration loosens up his pent-up emotions and he goes into hysterics, we try to calm him but then realize that it is best to let him give full rein to his feelings. It is evident that he is quite oblivious to our presence and imagines himself to be back in a shell-hole just outside the unbroken German wire. He is there with Shipman, and a German sniper is trying to get at them as they lay at the bottom of the shell-hole. The bullets are passing over them but only missing them by inches. Shipman at last can stand it no longer and he jumps up to the lip of the shell-hole in order to return the fire, in spite of Evans efforts to prevent him. Shipman is killed almost as soon as he shows himself, and his body rolls back into the shell-hole. It is night before Evans is able to leave the shell-hole and get back to our lines. Evans, in his ravings, has given us an absolute picture of everything that happened, and the greatest actor who has ever lived could not have made it more vivid to us as we stand around, motionless and silent living it all over again with him. At the end of it all we are thankful to see him go off into a heavy sleep.

Oct. 10th—Take the road to Warloy in the afternoon. Packs are carried on transport and we make good time. Pass some battalions of the 4th Division on their way in. A fine looking lot, the kilties in particular, and up to full strength. Feel they will get Regina Trench all right if the artillery gives them anything like a fair show. Billeted in barns on our arrival in Warloy. Mike Dempsey, after a run of luck with his Crown and Anchor board, stands drinks all round for the section at a near-by estaminet.

Oct. 11th—Battalion spends day in Warloy. Get paid in afternoon. A rowdy evening in the barn. Never so many of the fellows drunk before, but

who can blame them for trying to forget the hell they went through up the line three days ago.

Oct. 12th—March to Val de Maison, where we camp for the night in tents. The Colonel comes round in the evening and chews the rag with the fellows. Tells us to be ready for an early start to-morrow morning. Gives us a good hint that we are moving right out of the Somme district. Glad to get this news, for the Battalion, since last March, has been in the toughest parts of the Western Front, and some quiet trenches will be welcome for a change.

Oct. 13th—Set off at 6:30 a.m. and after a long hike we reach Bereaucourt. Billeted in an old barn with the Scouts. Spend evening in Y.M.C.A. writing letters. A cold night and unable to keep warm after we turn in, for we are still without blankets.

Oct. 15th—Still resting at Bereaucourt. Church parade in morning is cancelled owing to rain. In evening a bunch of us go to the R.C.R. band concert, which we much enjoy. Our section provides the guard at night, with Mike Dempsey as Corporal. In orders that we move to-morrow.

Oct. 16th—A short march to Berneuil, being only a matter of six or seven kilometres. A big orchard nearly is full of apples and the kindly old farmer points out the best eating ones. In return we help him and his family pick the fruit which is used for cider making. Trees growing almost wild for no attempt seems to be made in this part of the country to cultivate or prune them at all. Another draft of old Forty-niners return to the Battalion, amongst them being Sergt. Kingdom.

Oct. 19th—Still at Berneuil. Do a little visual signalling in the orchard, but it is not taken very seriously. Blankets are at last issued to us, and how we welcome them, after being in light marching order and without them for so long. Am detailed for guard at night with Mackensie, Clarke and Collin. Get orders to move to Waraus to-morrow.

Oct. 21st—Leave Waraus, where we camped last night, for Gouay. A hike of fifteen miles with full packs. Hear we are to go into the trenches on the 24th. The line we take over is apparently quiet, but we do not expect it will stay that way for long. Our destination to-morrow is Cambligneul, a long day's march.

Oct. 23rd—Leave camp at Cambligneul for St. Eloi four or five miles distant. Remain in St. Eloi until 5:00 p.m. when we proceed up to the reserve line. Am detailed with Hdqrs. Signallers. We relieve the 19th Battalion of the 2nd Londoners, a fine cheerful lot.

Oct. 24th—Move up early to the Neuville St. Vaast front. Corpl. Batt, Browse, Mackensie and myself on duty on Hdqrs. phone, which means only a six hour shift each. Mason is also with us, acting as cook. Front line is very quiet. Accomodation for everyone in deep shell-proof dug-outs.

Oct. 26th—On the six hour shift ending at 4:00 a.m. Line quiet and few messages coming through. No casualties since the Battalion took over the line two days ago. Go out with Browse and get a welcome bath and change of clothing. Bill English rejoins the Battalion.

Go down for rations at night. At the ration dump we are under the impression we are two bags short and we determine to make them good somehow. Consequently when the Q.M. shouts out "Hdqrs. officers," one of our party (no names, no pack drill!) replies "Here" and, taking the proffered

bags, makes off in the darkness. We then make the discovery that we are not short of any bags after all, but we decide to hang on to the officers' rations. It is of course the blackest of crimes to swipe rations from fellow rankers, but Hdqrs. officers are fair game for we know they will not starve. On our arrival at the dug-out we find the swiped bags contain tinned chicken, tinned fruit and all kinds of delicacies. We have a rare old feed, during which we hear the Adjutant, over the wire, phoning up all the companies in turn and asking each O.C. if he has got Hdqrs. rations by mistake.

Oct. 27th—The acting R.S.M. pays our dug-out a visit. He tells us the Hdqrs. officers' rations were swiped last night, and the Adjutant has detailed him to do a little sleuthing and find out who has stolen them. It is very evident that he does not suspect us as the culprits and we make various helpful suggestions to aid him in his search. Not sorry when he takes his departure for had he searched our dug-out he would have found some of the missing rations under one of the bunks.

Oct. 28th—Line remains very quiet. Practically no artillery fire and only an occasional trench mortar or rifle grenade falls in our sector. Only one slight casualty since we took over the line four days ago. We have had nothing as cushy as this since we left the Kemmel front. Our dug-out, beside being shell-proof is both comfortable and roomy. At night we turn our rum ration over to Mason and he makes a rum toddy. As we sit round supping it out of our mess-tins, in the candle-lit dug-out, we agree that this old war might well be a good deal worse than it is.

—F. R. Hasse, Reg. No. 432944.

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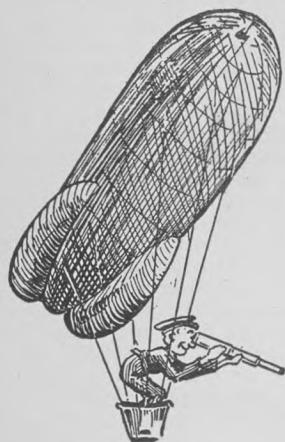
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Where Is My Wandering Boy?

Herbert Funnell, "Professor", (Piano) No. 101228, enlisted in the 66th Sept., 1915, transferred to the 49th June, 1916, at Winnezele, Belgium. He was wounded once and buried twice, "Fritz" proved a bum undertaker in his case. Discharged in Aug., 1919, after 4 years less one months service. Printer by occupation and now resident in England.

Widower with one girl age eight. Address: Kilburn P.O., 81 High Road, Kilburn, London, N.W.6. He would like to hear from all old pals. Always enjoys the magazine. Funnell in his letter mentions that those handling the Vimy Pilgrimage were keeping the parties from Canada and England separate, and says what a disappointment this was to the men in the Old Country, those over in England wishing to meet men of their own units. He says further: "I don't think they will keep them apart if the two parties decide to meet. I hope to go, and I sure will be on the lookout for the 49th. I suppose the best place to find them would be at the nearest Estaminet". He has a P.S.—at least I think it's a P. (N.B.) "The girls of Picadilly say they sure miss the Canadians, and can they roll their eyes." Beer is 12c a quart, Good Beer too!!! Why bring that up? Put it down, put it down!

Samuel Wellington Walch, "Sam", No. 781503, enlisted in the 128th, Dec., 1915 at Moose Jaw. He joined the 49th, Dec., 1916 and was placed with 4 Platoon, "A" Coy. and was Coy. runner. He was wounded three times. Discharged Jan. 27th, 1919 with three years two months service. Married, and two boys, Jack 3½ years and Jim 1 year. Now farms at Pasqua, Sask. He enjoys the 49er and reads it from front to back. He says he saw in a previous number of the magazine a mention of Jim Mead, Walch was with Jim when he was killed.

R. H. Moss, Bandsman, writing from 6047 2nd Ave., Los Angeles; says, "Just received magazine and sure look forward to it. It is read and devoured by all the family. I am solo bugler of San Gabriel Drum and Bugle Corps, American Legion. Last year we won the California State Championship and also the National Championship in St. Louis, Missouri. We are competing in Hollywood, August, 1936, and will try to retain the State Championship, and Sept., 1936 we compete in Cleveland, Ohio, for our National Championship." He meets **Al. Cantin**, "C" Coy. from time to time. Moss' mother and dad live at 12204 85th St., Edmonton.

James Mackenzie "Bull", No. 432311, joined the 49th January 4th, 1915, being attached to 6th Platoon "C" Company. He received g.s.w. in the chest and was discharged in 1917. He is a masseur and resides at 1019 Broughton Street, Vancouver. He is married.

Norman S. Stinson, "Shorty", No. 1010068, enlisted in the 229th, March, 1916. Transferred to the 49th in the Spring of 1918, and posted to "B" Coy. He received a gunshot wound, right thigh on Aug. 8th, 1918 at Hangard Woods, which gave him six month hospitalization in Blighty. He was discharged February, 1919, at Montreal. He is a farmer, and at present is in and around Edmonton.

A. C. Chadwick, "A" Coy. Daly Bldg., Ottawa, answers our enquiry regarding No. 175233 Anthony Magee and Thomas John Bentley. In 1921 Magee when applying for medals gave his address, 32 Germania Ave., San Francisco, Calif. and Bentley who left the service with the rank of Lieut. in 1922 gave his address as P.O. Box 71, Pierceville, Sask.

Robert W. Ashton, No. 432031, enlisted in the 49th, Jan., 4th, 1915. Posted to 9 Platoon "C" Coy. He received a gunshot wound in the face serving with the 2nd Bn. Railway Troops. Ashton received his discharge March 21st, 1919, after 4 years, 2 months service. Civil occupation, Section Foreman, C.N.R., Bickerdike, Alta. Married, one son and two daughters. Home address, Marlboro, Alta.

Richard Atkinson, "Ike", No. 808258, enlisted in the 137th, 22nd of January, 1916. He joined the 49th, 6th of December, 1916, and was posted to 5 Platoon "B" Coy. He was wounded twice, 9th of June, 1917 and 23rd December, 1917. Ike received his discharge March 22nd, 1919, after 3 years and 2 month service. Railroader at Edson, Alta. Came originally from Kirkby Malzeard, Yorks, England.

Ed Marsden, "Slippery", always slipping off, No. 325787, enlisted in the 191st, 1917. Joined the 49th 6 Platoon, "B" Coy., 1918. Discharged in 1919 with 1 year and 6 months service. Married and has a family of four. Occupation, Car Inspector C.P.R. Address, 1426 7th Ave. North Lethbridge. **R. Cruickshank** who was up for the Church parade last July forwarded Ed's questionnaire, and said some of the boys down at Lethbridge may be up for the dinner.

George W. Crabb, No. 100533, enlisted in the 66th July 7th, 1915. Transferred to the 49th Dec. 4th, 1916 and posted to 1 Platoon, "A" Company. Wounded in the right hand. Discharged Feb. 28th, 1919, after three years and seven months service. Married, family of two, sex unstated. Occupation, engineer. Home address, 10617 109th St.

M. A. McCauley, "Pat", "C" Coy. in his letter encloses dues for **Bob Henderson**, scout sergt. and himself. He says, **Dick Hutchings** of Keg River had to go East on account of ill health, but he has forgotten his address. **Sergt. Bill Erskine**, "Red", has left their district, Notikewin, and is somewhere around Vancouver. Wants **Red Blewett** to lift three or four for **Bob H. Ring Reid**, and himself at the banquet.

Capt. George Z. Pinder enlisted in the 49th, January 4th, 1915 and was posted to No. 3 Platoon, "A" Company, then under the command of the late Colonel Weaver, who at that time held the rank of Major Capt. Pinder was later transferred to "C" company under Major Daniels. He was wounded June 3rd, 1916, suffering a G.S.W. in the left lung. He was discharged in May, 1919. He was with the 49th until wounded when he was transferred to "I" unit M.H.C.C. in September, 1916 and later to the C.A.M.C. Capt. Pinder is a Dominion and Alberta land surveyor, and is operating in the Calgary district. He has a wife and one son. His address is Box 37, Calgary. In a letter to the Magazine he refers to the death of the late Colonel G. W. McLeod, "whom he knew as a friend since the summer of 1908, the year after I came to this country, he being in charge of several surveying parties that I was on". In his letter he also states that the late Colonel Weaver was a close friend of his, Colonel Weaver having come from within fifteen minutes' walk of his home in the Old Country.

Sergeant G. H. Downton, No. 811143 was originally a member of the 138th, having enlisted in December, 1915. He joined the 49th in October, 1916 being posted to 13 Platoon "D" Company. He was discharged in May 1919 after three and a half years service. He is post master at Luseland, Saskatchewan. He is married and has one son.

Adolphus Morris, No. 811746, enlisted in the 138th in January, 1916 and transferred to the 49th in November, 1916, being attached to 16th Platoon "D" Company. He was discharged in April, 1918. He is married and has six children. His address is Cedar Cottage Post Office, B.C.

Fred W. P. Craig, No. 811899, enlisted in the 138th on Feb. 2nd, 1916 and transferred to the 49th September, 1916, being posted to "D" Company. He was discharged March 24th, 1919. He is married and lives at 5863 Douglass Road, Burnaby, B.C.

Richard L. Marrow, No. 781607 an original member of the 128th, joined the 49th November, 1916 and was attached to 13th Platoon "D" Company. During his service he won the M.M. He is married and has one child. He resides at 1150 Davie Street, Vancouver, B.C.

John D. B. Osborne, No. 432724, enlisted in the 49th January 12th, 1915, being posted to 9th Platoon "C" Company. He was discharged in May, 1919 with the rank of Sergeant. During his service he won the M.M. and Bar. He is a conductor in a logging camp, his address being Menzies Bay, B.C. He is unmarried.

W. H. Belcher, "Bill", No. 432003, enlisted in the 49th, Jan. 4th, 1915, and placed to H.Q. This is the man responsible for all the buglers being able to play such nice calls as cookhouse, pay parade, and no parade to-day. (Three cheers). But also he is the gink, who taught them those beastly calls such as defaulters, fall in, reveille, and "Fatigoes". Bill received his discharge March, 1919, after 4 years and 3 month service. Occupation postal clerk Edmonton. Married, and resides at 7523 112th Ave. He had the pleasure whilst on tour with the pilgrimage to Vimy, to hand the Burgomaster of Mons a letter from the 49th Bn. Association.

Alfred Henry Aldridge, No. 624569, enlisted in the 151st January 22nd, 1916 and transferred to the 49th December 19th, 1916, being posted to 16th Platoon "D" Company. He was discharged in February, 1919. He owns and operates his own dairy business. He is unmarried and resides at 590 Bayside Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

Duncan Hamilton, No. 436888 joined the 51st in February, 1915 and transferred to the 49th in October, 1915, being posted to 9th Platoon "C" Company. He was discharged in March, 1919 with the rank of a Corporal. He is a pipe fitter by trade is married and has two boys, 12 and 9. His address is 1730 Woodland Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Charles H. Fulton, No. 101506, enlisted in the 66th September, 1915 and transferred to the 49th June, 1916. He was discharged in March, 1919 with the rank of corporal. He is a farmer and resides at R.R.3, Cloverdale, B.C. He is married.

Cecil R. Jones, secretary of the Toronto branch of the association, has located No. 253051 **Cecil Wilbur** at Ward 312 Christie St. hospital, Toronto. Wilbur would like to hear from **Art Marion**, stretcher bearer of "C" Company. Jones also is seeking information regarding Wilbur's condition when he was with the battalion.

James P. Riley, No. 432983, enlisted in the 49th January 28th, 1915 and was posted to 5 Platoon, "B" Company. He received a gunshot wound left rib, June 9th, 1917, and G.S.W right knee, Oct. 30th, 1917. Discharged February 17th, 1919, after three years and 20 days service. Riley is a labourer at Penhold, Alberta. In answering the last question or two it is quite facetious: Questions 13. Family, if any, "None that I know of." Home Address, "Havn't any." James is sorry to see in the magazine the death of so many old friends. "Good men, all of them," he says. Consider the magazine sent him a fine, friendly gift. He has been forwarded all the back numbers which were available, having sent his dues and the 10 cents per copy.

Clarence Herbert Daly, No. 2315310, enlisted in the 196th Bn. Jan. 1917, at Edmonton. He joined the 49th in France, November 1st, 1917. He received his discharge March, 1919. Married and has one daughter. Address Westlock, Alta. He is a real estate and insurance agent there.

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Bob Mayes, our active District representative at Moose Jaw, writes to say:—**W. S. Hamilton**, has been elected President of the Moose Jaw Branch of the Canadian Legion. **W. Blackmore** went to England two years ago leaving no address. **J. Bingley** is in Vancouver at the present time. **H. Leyden** and **G. Horley** are still in Moose Jaw. **A. C. Trim**, "Paddy", No. 904238, enlisted in the 194th February, 1916, serving in 5 Platoon, "B" Coy. Transferred to the 49th, March, 1917 and was placed with 1 Platoon, "A" Coy. Paddy was wounded at Vimy. He received his discharge April, 1919 after 3 years service. He is now a Storekeeper at Crawford Park, Manitoba. Trim would like to know where Taps Williams, Hughie Johnson and Bob Milne are hanging out. Harry Stonehewer got in touch with Trim on the Vimy pilgrimage and handed in his name.

James Graham, No. 435121, who originally enlisted in the 50th Battalion, May 25th, 1915 joined the 49th, December 26th, 1915. He was posted to "B" Company and served until the 31st of March, 1918, being discharged on account of sickness. Graham is a farmer. His present address is 1629 Haro Street, Vancouver. He is married and has eight children.

Frank Porritt, No. 432197, an original 49er, joined up the 5th of January, 1915 and was posted to 14th Platoon. He was very badly wounded and was discharged October 18th, 1917. Porritt resides at Jarvie and is secretary of the Jarvie branch of the Canadian Legion. He is married and has a family of two, a boy and a girl.

Percy Knowles, No. 808018 enlisted in April 1916, in the 137th Battalion. He joined the 49th December 23rd, 1917, and was with 1st Platoon "A" Company. He was three times wounded. He was discharged in January 1919. He is a shoe maker by trade. He is married and has three children. His present address is 2922 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C.

M. A. R. Howard, No. 100011, a 66th man. He was attested in 1915 and went to France early in 1916, joining the 49th and being posted to 15th Platoon "D" Company and then to Headquarters. He was discharged November 1919. He is accountant in the Imperial Bank at Vancouver, his address being 2635 West 42nd Avenue. He is married and has two children.

Charles Dempster, No. 432177, formerly of "B" Company, now resides in Winnipeg and is regulator for schedules for the street railway department there. He is doing and looking fine. He is married and has three daughters, the oldest of which is 16. His address is Winnipeg Electric Chambers.

William Fawcett Moore "Tiny", No. 811061 was an original 138th man, having enlisted in that unit on December 6th, 1915. He transferred to the 49th in the Fall of 1916 and was posted to 15th Platoon "D" Company, where he gained his LC. stripe. He was discharged December 4th, 1919. His present address is 7452 Main Street, Vancouver. He is married and has six children, all but one of whom are of voting age.

Herbert G. Avery, No. 904034 was one of the 194th Highlanders from Edmonton. He enlisted in February 1916, joined the 49th in June 1917 and was attached as Lance Corporal to Headquarters. He was wounded and was not discharged until September 1920. He is a cabinet maker. He resides in Vancouver, his address being 7622 Granville St. He is a widower with one child.

James Edward Billingsley "Blinsky", No. 432-434, an original 49er, enlisted January 7th, 1915, three days after the battalion was officially authorized. He was posted to 15th Platoon, "D" Company under the late Justus Wilson. He served for four years and seven days, being discharged on the 20th of January 1919. During his service he suffered from serious illness. In civil life he is a caretaker and resides at 12040 95th Street, Edmonton. He has a family of three.

W. K. C. Adams, Capt. who served in 14 Platoon, and later transferred to the engineers, has returned to Scotland to reside, address unknown.

Alex. Irvine, "Jock", No. 432960, enlisted in the 49th Jan., 1915. He was posted to 7 Platoon, "B" Coy. and served in the Machine gun section. He received a gunshot wound in the leg and wrist. He received his discharge at Winnipeg July 1st, 1919, after 4 years and 5 month service. Married and has three girls 12, 9, 4. He resides at 528 5th St. E. Saskatoon, Sask. Engineer, University of Saskatchewan. Jock was transferred to the Can. Artillery, Sept., 1916, and was with the heavy T. M.B. until Aug., 1918. Transferred to No. 83 O. M.W. Aug., 1918 (Ordnance Mobile Workshop). He says, the latter job was a "snap".

James H. Sandilands, "Sandy", No. 467164, enlisted in the 63rd Bn. August, 1915. He landed in France June, 1916 and was posted to 3rd Entrenching Bn. under Col. Hobbins. Transferred to the 49th. August, 1916 and placed in 13 Platoon, Steady "D". He also served with the battalion M. G's. Sandy was wounded at Regina Trench, Oct. 8th, 1916. Discharged August 29th, 1918 after 3 years service. Married Feb., 1918 to Nursing Sister Mary A. Little, at Lord Derby's Hospital, Warrington, Lancs., England. Two boys in the family David 16, and Robert 11. Address 11511 87th St. Occupation, Switchboard Inspector, City Telephone System. Sandy would like to hear from members of the old 63rd M.G's who went to the 49th.

A. E. W. Roberts, Capt. M.C. and **Percy Stevens** are still up in the North country. Roberts says he was thrilled to hear the broadcast of the 49th church service last July and was sorry he could not be there. He met **Charley Martin** at Hythe last Aug. and he was then in the pink of condition.

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D. L. Bowerman, "Bowie" No. 436724, enlisted in the 51st Feb., 1915, and joined the 49th August, 1915, serving with 1 and 2 Platoons "A" Coy. also M. G's. He was wounded in the head, arm and back. Discharged February, 1919 after 4 year service. Now farms at Hattonford, Alta. He sends in the name of a 49er. **H. H. Bendall**, Hattonford. He makes enquiry for **Thomas Stanton Bettany**, his pal who served in "A" Coy., 51st and 49th battalions. He believes he had to go back to England to run his father's mill at Uttoxeter.

George Branton, "D" Coy. is a regular correspondent and says how well he likes the magazine and reads all of it, advertisements included. He sends his sympathy to the families of **Geo. W. MacLeod**, **Arnold** and **Crockett** in their bereavement. Gives his "Hello" to all old pals.

A. J. Bryant, 322 Home St. Moose Jaw, Sask. in sending dues and thanks for the magazine, says he was in Vancouver last Winter and visited the 49th. Club rooms at the Carlton Hotel and was sure made very welcome by the boys out there. Wishes the word to be passed along to any of the troops going out to the Coast to call there as they make you very welcome and are pleased to meet the old 49th men. He sends greetings to **Harry Stonehewer** and all his old pals.

James Frederick Dickson, "Dick". No. 433209, enlisted in the 49th May, 1915, and served with 8 Platoon, "B" Coy. Was sick during his service in France. Discharged March 23rd, 1919. He is now a guide and trapper at Entrance, Alta. So if any of you guys feel like crawling on your hands and knees again, just for sport this time, you know where you can pick up your "scout".

Samuel Campbell, No. 436826, enlisted in the 51st, Feb., 1915, and joined the 49th at Shorncliffe, serving with "A" Coy. He was a glutton for punishment being wounded three times, Ypres, Vimy and Mont. St. Eloi. Sam was discharged July, 1919 with over 4 years service. He resides at R.R.1, Lloydminster, Alta. He is pleased to receive the Forty-Niner. He is now managing to carry on with the Veterans Allowance.

Andrew Black "Andy", No. 432060, enlisted Jan. 4, 1915, being posted to 12 platoon "C" Company. Like **Bob White** he was regarded as a fixture in "C" Company, having uncanny luck in dodging the bits **Fritzie** could throw over. "Andy" was discharged May 19th, 1919, after four years and five months service. His only illness during his service was an attack of trench fever. In civil life "Andy" is engineer at the Provincial asylen at Ponoka. He is married and has one boy.

Harry George Denford, No. 432765, enlisted in the 49th, January 14th, 1915, and served with 10th platoon, "C" Company and machine gun section. He received his commission during the war. Discharged April 27th, 1919, after four years and three months service. He is a bootmaker in the Old Country. He is married and has a son 15 years old. Address, "Wedgeland" Thoroughgood Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex, England. This will be the answer to all those who have made enquiries at different times as to Harry's whereabouts. In sending his dues he thanks the association for the magazine.

John William Allen "Jack", No. 811115, an original 138th man. Enlisted December, 1915, and joined the 49th Dec. 23, 1916, being posted to "D" Company. He suffered from trench fever and was with the battalion two years and four months. He is engaged in forestry work at Haselaw, Alberta. He is married, but does not indicate in his reply to the questionnaire, whether he has any offspring.

John Paul Auld, "Shorty", No. 696802, enlisted originally with the 175th battalion at Medicine Hat. On reaching England he was posted to 37th Company of the Forestry Corps, stationed at Wail, France, under Lt. Col. C. W. Robinson. He was not transferred to the 49th until later in the war. His total service overseas was three years less three weeks. He is now power plant operator at Youngstown, Alberta. He is unmarried. Unlike many other 49ers he has carefully preserved all copies of the 49er he has received. His dues are fully paid up.

John J. Nolan, "Salvage, S. B. and others", No. 100642, enlisted in the 66th which he terms them **McKinnery's Brigands**, on June 1915. Joined 15 platoon "D" Coy. June 1916. Jack was wounded at Devon crater and Mericourt. He was discharged February 22nd, 1919 after three years and eight months service. Residence 606-26 the Ave. San Francisco, California. He has six daughters. In sending the questionnaire along and dues he says:—"I have a job oiling the hinges on the big bridge over the creek here. but wish I could be at the reunion to oil my whistle along with all those true blue buddies we had in the 49th. The Pill rollers down here say I am headed for the last round-up, but I think otherwise."

R. O. Wetherly, No. 811586, enlisted in the 138th, and on transfer to the 49th was posted to 16 platoon, "D" Coy. Wetherly in a letter wishing all the troops the season's greetings says:—"A few months ago I was visiting **H. H. Bastable** near Niagara Falls and learned about the association of 49ers. Mr. Ames at the Bank of Commerce gave me No. 22 of the Forty-Niner. I would surely like to get No. 21 as there is a platoon photo in it" The above two men are the only men he has seen since the old days. At his request information regarding membership was sent along. Wetherly is working as a bricklayer for the U. S. Steel Corp. at Duquesne, Penn. Married and has three girls. Home address 446 Fourth St. Braddock, Penn., U. S. A. He is in receipt of the Edmonton Journal once a week.

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Tenth Annual Church Parade—By Jack Oliver

Commemorating comrades-in-arms who gave their lives in battle on the blood-soaked fields of France and Flanders, or who subsequent to cessation of hostilities, gave their lives as a result of wounds or other disabilities received in action, members of the 49th Battalion Association held their annual church parade and divine service on Sunday July 19th.

As an unusual feature of the event, the Forty-Niners were joined by members of the Canadian Legion who also paid tribute to the dead of the 49th.

Fully 500 men, soldiers who saw action from Langemarcke and St. Julien in the north, to the Royce Road in the south, swung down Jasper avenue and 107th street, stepping briskly as they did 18 and more years ago on the other side of the Atlantic. In some cases, the advancing years may have slowed that soldierly tread, but there was no sign of the step being less brisk or less martial.

The Forty-Niners mobilized at the Market square. A distinct feature of the parade was the issuing to the men of the familiar Basque berets in French grey, with battle patches on the arms. The Forty-Niners made a striking picture in their berets and the French grey recalled memories of days when the storm troops wore battle colors of this hue.

Under command of Major Gen. W. A. Griesbach C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C., the parade moved off from the Market square shortly after 10 a.m.

So far as possible men fell in their original companies and under their original officers.

Lt. Col. A. K. Hobbins, D.S.O., and many other well known officers of the battalion were on parade. George E. Gleave, M.M. acted as R.S.M.

The various companies of the 49th were commanded as follows: "A" Coy., Captain Geo. L. Hudson, "B" Coy., Col. A. H. Elliott, "C" Coy., Major J. C. Thompson, "D" Coy., Lieut. A. M. MacDonald, M.M.

Earle Hay and Neville H. Jones handled the arrangements incident to the distribution of Berets and Crossards.

Major H. E. Floen was in charge of arrangements at the Legislative buildings for the Legion.

The battalion colors were escorted by a party supplied by the perpetuating unit.

The regimental band, under Frank G. Aldridge and the pipe band under Pipe Major Henry Laing, supplied the music.

The Forty-Niners swung south on McDougall Avenue to Jasper and then turned west on Jasper. At this corner they were joined by the Canadian Legion, under the command of Major R. C. Arthurs, M.C. The parade then moved west on Jasper to 107th Street and then south to the legislative building's grounds. The 101st Edmonton Fusiliers band played the Legionnaires along the route.

At the legislative buildings, the troops formed up in a hollow square and the religious service was commenced.

Capt. Rev. G. G. Reynolds, rector of Holy Trinity church and padre to the Association conducted the service.

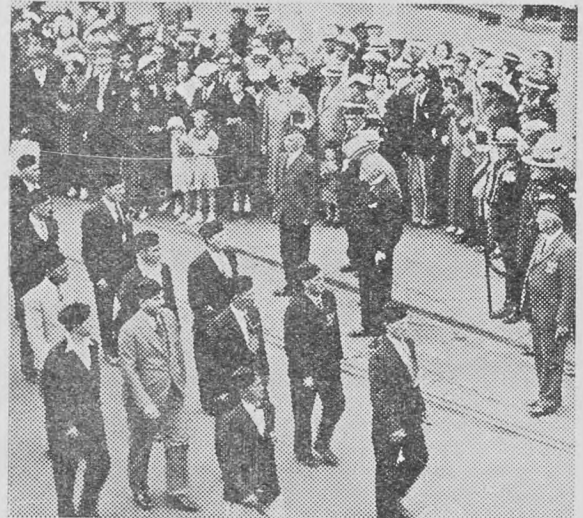
He took the Vimy Ridge as an illustration of life. At the top of this commanding ridge, one could look back and see the scars caused by the strife in climbing to the top. Looking the other

way, one could see and visualize the future, with its fair hopes and promises.

Capt. Reynolds also paid warm, eloquent tribute to those gallant soldiers who, unflinchingly, unstintingly, unselfishly and gladly, had given their lives in the greatest war of all times.

Following the service the parade moved back to the central section of the city. At the corner

LEGION FORCES JOINED 49th PARADE



Head of Legion parade held during Exhibition week. His Honor Lieutenant Governor Walsh acknowledging "eyes right", Major R. C. Arthurs who commanded the parade can be discerned on the right of His Honor, and Major Floen is on the extreme left of the reviewing base. It is the intention of the Legion to parade with the 49th at all annual church parades held in the future.

of Jasper and 101st Street, Gen. Griesbach stood and received the salute from the troops.

A detachment of R.C.M.P. officers were at the saluting base.

The Legion detachment left the parade where it joined and the Forty-Niners returned to the Market square for dispersal. Later the 49th held a luncheon at the Rose Room of the King Edward Hotel.

General Griesbach spoke a few words and expressed sorrow at the death of Col. G. W. McLeod. He also thanked the Militia for furnishing the Bands, Colour Party and Escort.

Major Bury, temporarily in command replied on behalf of the perpetuating battalion. Col Hobbins made a few remarks re the aging of the troops, but said he could still pick old comrades out, having met one that morning amongst the legion and remembered his number.

Earle Hay made the announcement that the troops had responded very well in the matter of purchasing the Berets and arm bands.

The corresponding secretary requested city men to kick through with their changes of address and

also send in a questionnaire which can be had from any member of the executive.

The following is a list by Companies of the men on parade:

"A" Company:

Stone J. L., Stroud A., Mair W., Barcroft R., Butler R. G., Cunningham S., Collins D., Clift H., Dorey R., Jennings C., Anson A., Gleave G. E., Speers R. W., Hudson G. L. C., Hay E., Dunn W.P., Prosser G., Paquette R., Potter A. E., Edmonton; Steward W. C., Red Deer; Merritt D., Muckleston L., Thorton T., Dingley R. C., Bunkum C. H., Keating W., Hardy R. L., Journeaux T., Moson H. T., Draycott T. H., Queensville, Ontario; Greig A., Edmonton; Parry R., Coleman, Alberta; O'Brien M.M., Miller A. E., Daly A. V. Dawes, J. J. Edmonton; Harvey A., Ardrossan, Alberta.

"B" Company:

Elliott, A. H., Hunter W., T. Cobb, Edmonton; L. Cruikshanks, Lethbridge, Alberta, Collins A., Smith Lawrence, Edmonton; L. T. Hitchcock, Beverly; Palmer H. O., Smith Jock, Edmonton; Morris J., Strathcona; Hollands G. G., Stewart A., Gravin W. D., Moir A., Lyons G. L., High Dave, Booker T., Brown Geo., Hill W. J., Nelson F. W., Darke H., Edmonton; Law H., Strathcona; Southern T. E., Clyde; Branson F., Warde F.W. Mair W., Edwards J. A., Pendleton G., Skov C., Hill C., Larmour H., Edmonton; Liddle A., Ponoka; Brownlee G. A., Edmonton; Hedley G. A., Irma, Alberta; Milne Ges., Wainwright, Alberta; Phillips T. W., Peace River, Alberta; Phillips, Steele F. H., Tingstad B. J., Martin, Jas., Dobhie J. (with band), Thompson A. (with pipe-band), Floen H. E. (with Can. Legion) Dawson C., Edmonton

"C" Company:

Weir W., Sandilands H., Knowles H., Foster L. W., Lee F. J., Stevenson R. B., Alexander L., Waite F., Balfour H., Freeman H. C., Gilliland A., Hunt G. D., Gilchrist D., Quinton W. H., Keating D., Muirhead P. P., Main J. B., Campbell Neil, Edmonton; Mackinnon A., Kamloops, B.C.; Purvis W. J. Whyte R. A., Edmonton; Day C. H. Westlock, Alberta; Toussint T., Davison B. C., Galliver T., Parsons S., Patrick A. H., Edmonton; Black A., Ponoka, Alberta.

"D" Company:

Ansell A. B., Callander R. M., Edmonton; Porritt J. L., Jarvie, Alberta; Dawes C. W., Russell C. A., Girr S., MacDonald W. K., Edmonton, Alberta; Thirlwell W., Robb, Alberta; Hall C. B., Arnold N., Simpson R. G., Palmer M., Billingsley J. E., Doncaster A., Crockett G. B., Edmonton; Hebert N., Seattle; Jones J. E. L., Sanguo, Alberta; Richards A. H., Edmonton; Revill W., Kinsella, Alberta; Brown L. G., Fletcher A., Gilchrist D., Woodburn G., Holmes C. H., Morrison B., Blewett J., Horner J., Vaughan C. H., Reilly P. E., MacDonald A. M., Matheson C., McCormack A., Williams W. R., Edmonton; Umbach L., Stony Plain, Alberta; Dawes L. J., Wolf Creek, Alberta; Foley G., Edmonton; McDaid E., Eaglesham, Alberta; Morfitt T. A., Edmonton; Empson D. S., Eaglesham, Alberta; Wingfield W., Edmonton; Jackson E. E., Wainwright, Alberta; Craig T., Watts T. J., White W. B., Edmonton; Jolleff H., Calmar, Alberta; McIntyre A., Barnes A. W. (42Bn.), Edmonton; Clow H. B., Calgary, Alberta; Edmonton J., Tawatinaw, Alberta; Hutchinson W., Pinnell F. T., Balfour H., Edmonton.

Things We Would Like To Know

"If the boys were not a little bit 'leary' of the issuing of Berets and Armbands?"

"Whether some of the angles at which they were placed were not a trifle 'tres risque'?"

"If some of the members shouldn't know by this time that their women and children are expected at the luncheon?"

"Shouldn't the place where the belt sits be called the 'waste' line on some of the boys?"

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ADDRESSES OF 49ers IN OLD COUNTRY

H. Hind, "C" Company man who was a member of the Vimy Pilgrimage, has furnished us with a list of former 49ers who are now resident in the Old Country. The list is not by any means complete but we appreciate Hind's interest in compiling the information and furnishing it to the magazine. The list follows:

432020, F. A. MacPherson, (D), Drum Major, The Seaforth Highlanders Canada, Vancouver, B.C.
J. S. Mason, (A), Bulwith, nr. Selby, Yorks.
G. R. Whitefield, 23, Hillside Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex.

C. Hunt, (C), 3, East Street, Chertsey, Surrey.
432183, W. H. Hurman, (C), 70, Bridge Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

432569, A. Petherick, (M.G.), 3, Grenville Terrace, Bude Cornwall.

432237, May, 16, Burnview, Bude, Cornwall.
432141, W. C. Kitchen, c/o Dept. Pens & National Health, Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London, S.W.1.

446032, V. L. Gutteridge, Santa Rosa, Grimshill Road, Whitstable, Kent.

432354, E. Bolding, "Shorty" (C), Stratheona, 71, Dagger Hill Lane, Marton, Blackpool, Lancs.

186694, Jean Cherrier, (C), 56, Arlington St., Islington, N.

432537, Lewis W. S. Quick, 186, North End Rd. W. Kensington, W.

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MAJOR HALE AT AIR CONFERENCE

Major R. W. Hale, district postal superintendent, was one of the principal speakers at the Northwest Aviation Planning Council's recent conference at Portland, Oregon. He put forward the advantage of an air line from Great Falls, Montana, through Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton, Peace River and Fort St. John to White Horse, Yukon. The delegation from Edmonton, besides Major Hale, included Grant McConachie, president of United Air Transport Ltd., Capt. James A. Bell, manager of the Edmonton Airport and a representative of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The delegation flew from Edmonton to Portland and return in a Waco plane, piloted by McConachie. Keen interest was shown in the discussion at the conference by both United States Government officials and head of commercial aviation companies. It may not be long now before huge modern airliners will be cruising the northwestern sky lanes through Edmonton to Alaska.

"C" COMPANY NOMINAL ROLL

A short time before his death in Calgary the late Charles Engel forwarded a copy of the nominal roll of "C" Company, which he brought home with him from Overseas. This is at present on file and sometime may be published. Any member of "C" Company may have access to it at any time on application to Norman Arnold. Charles Engel was mail orderly for "C" Company and was well known throughout the battalion. In a letter he wrote from hospital prior to his death he recalled an incident he witnessed at Vimy. He saw "Shorty" Broadbent get hit with a piece of shell which took off his leg. "Shorty" yelled "Hurrah, me for Blighty". Joe Blythe was with Engel during some heavy shelling. They were taking Stokes shells up the line. In this same letter written by Engel he sent his regards to Reg. Skitch and Bob Whyte. There will be keen regret upon learning of the death of Charlie Engel, particularly among former members of "C" Company.

Armistice Day Parade in Edmonton

For the first time since the erection of the Edmonton Cenotaph the Armistice Day parade ceremonies, Wednesday, November 11th, centered around this impressive memorial to Our Glorious Dead.

To the glory of the Canadian corps and of those heroic divisions which lie forever silent overseas, Edmonton bowed its head in tribute.

Encouraged by a bright sun and mild weather, the turn-out of citizens approached the largest in the history of Armistice day celebrations here. From an early hour, the cenotaph triangle was crowded and thousands lined the route of the parade which required about 15 minutes to pass.

Brass bands sang of the history of British armies threw out again the banner of the Canadian courage, lilted sweetly again of peace and the memory of the fallen thousands. Fifes throatied their piercing leadership, their happy freedom. Bagpipes laughed and shouted of carefree, unhampered centuries of valorous victories, and wailed in laments for the heroes who, victorious, died.

A day of celebration of victory, it was more a day of remembrance and eulogy of the victors who sleep forever in dearly-bought graves.

Hundreds of Edmonton citizens attended memorial services at the Prince of Wales armories and Memorial hall; thousands more lined the downtown streets to watch war veterans and militia units parade after the memorial services, from the sidewalks joining in spirit those marchers paying honor to war-time victories and to the memory of comrades who fell in battle.

Edmonton's new cenotaph at Macdonald drive and 102nd Street, stood as the symbol of the city's tribute, although the uncertainty of the weather had prevented the scheduling of any service there. Wreaths were laid at its foot by militia units, civil officials and private citizens, and the flags of Britain's might hung upon it.

But although there could be no service there, the cenotaph was made the centre of the day's Remembrance services by plans which provided for all militia and veterans' units in a "march past" and laying of wreaths on the memorial. The schedule of the parade called for militia units, coming from the Prince of Wales armories, to meet the veterans' units after the Memorial hall service at 101st Street and 102nd Street, and parade past the cenotaph and then on down 100th Avenue north on 104th Street, and back by Jasper Avenue, with Major-Gen. W. A. Griesbach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. taking the salute in front of the Masonic temple after taking over command of the units from Lieut. Col. E. Brown, M.M.

The veterans took precedence over militia units and marched ahead, in recognition of the event as a Remembrance Day tribute and an Armistice Day celebration.

Almost 5,000 persons stood around the cenotaph triangle as the troops marched past.

It was 10:15 a.m. when the militia units assembled at the armories, and the scene from the gallery was brilliant as naval men, cavalymen, artillerymen, infantrymen and complementary units fell in for the half-hour service which began at 10:30. At Memorial hall, the 15-minute service began at 10:45 a.m. and was attended by 900 persons packed into

the hall. Mayor Clarke was chairman, and among those on the platform were Chief Justice Harvey as the administrator of the province of Alberta; Premier Aberhart; Neil and Mrs. P. C. H. Primrose, son and wife of the lieutenant-governor of Alberta; Mrs. A. G. MacKay, of the War Widows' association; Mrs. J. Turner, of the Overseas Nursing Sisters association; Mrs. Winslow Hamilton, I.O.D. E.; and Mrs. John Parker, Army and Navy Veterans' auxiliary.

At exactly 11:00 o'clock, one gun fired at the armories bespoke the 18th anniversary of the ending of the war and called for a two-minute silence throughout the city.

Honored memory of the men who gave their lives was the keynote of the invocation prayer by Rev. Capt. C. F. A. Clough at the service in the armories.

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" and "O God Our Help In Ages Past" were the hymns sung, and the familiar strains rang through the wide spaces of the building in solemn and reverent unison. The latter hymn was followed by two minutes' silence and "The Last Post."

The address of the occasion was given by Rev. Capt. E. Pierce Goulding, who stated as the first principle of this and all such memorials the necessity of a conviction that the British cause in the great war had been a just one. Otherwise he declared, all memorials would be in vain.

"In that cause the British commonwealth did a fine piece of work," said Canon Pierce Goulding, "and in the record of the drama of war there is no finer work in the history of any nation. We may well hold our heads high and tell our children what Britain did for the cause of justice, truth, and freedom. Though it has failed to bring peace fully as yet, there would without us have been no hope of the ultimate deliverance of the world from war."

Referring to the tombs of the Unknown Soldier and the burial corners in foreign fields and in the cemeteries at home where the war dead lie, Canon Pierce Goulding said that these are holy ground, sanctified by the blood of those who gave their lives in sacrifice.

"Yet the consecrated places may be defiled by unholy uses," the speaker added. "Do people today stop long enough to consider what return they are making for the investment that these men made with their lives?"

At a short but impressive service in the Memorial hall, attended by members of the Canadian Legion, the invocation prayer was offered by Capt. G. G. Reynolds.

The two minutes' silence, all standing, was announced by two rounds of gunfire at 11:00 and 11:02 o'clock.

Apart from these items, the order of service was entirely musical, comprising a piano prelude by Miss Beatrice Crawford, "O Canada," solo, "Lest We Forget," Howard Stutchbury; "Last Post" and "Reveille," Bugler J. H. Ratcliffe; solo, "In Flanders Fields," Delbert McFarland; national anthem.

Immediately following the service, members of the Canadian Legion and other veterans' organizations fell in line on Macdonald drive for the march past the cenotaph.

Unveiling of the Edmonton Cenotaph

Attended by fully 5,500 residents, standing reverently to attention or with bowed heads, Edmonton's cenotaph, commemorating the 3,000 soldiers from Edmonton and district who were killed in action or who died of wounds or other disabilities received on service overseas, was unveiled on Thursday, August 13th, by his Excellency Rt. Hon. Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada.

Seldom in the city's history has there been such an impressive, memorable ceremony, or one that touched the hearts of such a large percentage of the populace.

Few cities contributed as high a percentage of the population to the army, as did this, and nearly all of the 3000 soldier boys in whose memory the cenotaph was erected, were represented by relatives at the unveiling ceremony.

The Cenotaph stands on the triangle formed by the intersections of Macdonald Drive, 102 street and 100 avenue, overlooking the Saskatchewan valley, a site giving from different angles and itself commanding a magnificent view.

Represented at the ceremony were all units of the Edmonton Garrison, in their varied-colored uniforms, the Canadian Legion, War Widows Association, I.O.D.E., Ex-Servicemen's Association, Ex-Service Women's Association, Legion of Frontiersmen, R.C.M.P., Overseas Nursing Service and many others.

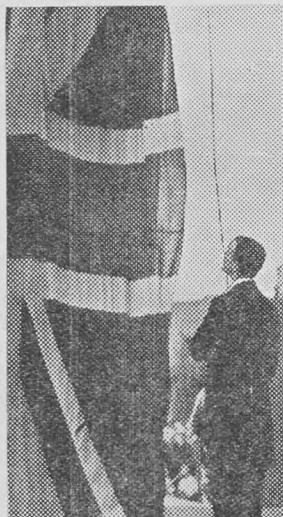
Men who served with distinction in the World War mixed with those who have known only mufti. The younger generation looked on in admiration, little knowing the exact extent of the sacrifices made by those being honored.

The base of the cenotaph was a profusion of flowers, many wreaths, some standing four and five feet high, being placed there by military units and other organizations. Later some were taken to the Soldiers' Plot at Edmonton cemetery.

Under the warming rays of the August sun, Lord Tweedsmuir dedicated the Cenotaph to the "Remembered" and "Glorious Dead." As he pronounced the dedication, buglers sounded the "Last Post", the "Reveille" and pipers played the "Lament".

Unveiling of the Cenotaph culminated years of hard work and an 10 months' intensive campaign by the Citizens' Cenotaph Committee, of which A. E. Nightingale acted as chairman. Now the 23-foot high granite pile stands a mute, but eloquent testimony of Edmonton's unstinted sacrifices in the Great War.

In unveiling the Cenotaph, Lord Tweedsmuir



His Excellency Rt. Hon. Lord Tweedsmuir at the moment of the actual unveiling.

forcefully remarked that "we ought to remember how far we are yet from winning the fruits of that great sacrifice," and that "we may be far from having won peace yet."

His Excellency spoke for three minutes in his unveiling address, and his words were:

"A fortnight ago at Vimy, Canada unveiled a memorial to those who fell in her greatest exploit in the Great War. I need not remind you how marvellous Canada's war record was. You, an honorably unmilitary nation, proved yourself in a crisis to be a truly martial nation, and won the admiration of the world.

"Today, we have met to commemorate Edmonton's 3,000 dead. Our feelings on this occasion must first of all be regret for those who did not come back to us. They should be also, I think, affectionate pride, serious pride. Serious because we ought to remember how far we are yet from winning the fruits of that great sacrifice.

"But pride, and pride for this reason 18 years ago we won the war. Make no mistake about it, we may be far from having won peace yet, but we won the war. We killed a great arrogance and we removed a great peril.

"How was that war won? It was won by the plain man. Not by the genius of a great general. We had no Caesar; we had no Napoleon. It was won not by the genius of the few but by the faithfulness of the many. It proved that the ordinary man could rise to supreme heights of sacrifice and courage.

"And I think we may well console ourselves in these difficult days when we have to face so many problems that appear to be insoluble—we may console ourselves with the reflection that we have once been great and that if need be we can be and will be great again."

A. E. Nightingale, chairman of the citizens' committee, addressed Mayor Clarke, giving to him as mayor, charge of maintenance of the cenotaph.

Mr. Nightingale and Godfrey Henderson as secretary of the committee, signed the address.

Mr. Nightingale spoke in part as follows:

"When the smoke of battle had cleared away and some semblance of sanity returned, the world discovered with horror that it had suffered more than 33,000,000 casualties of which nearly 8,000,000 were dead.

"And what of Canada's part in this world catastrophe? The total enlistment in the Canadian expeditionary force was 619,636, of whom 61,061 died—approximately 10 per cent. Nearly 52,000 of these died on the battlefield."

During the entire ceremony sentries stood with reversed arms at the four corners of the Cenotaph.

In the guard of honor were members of the R. C.N.V.R. and a detachment from units of the 29th Infantry Brigade. Two troops of the R. C. M. P. were also present. Other units also were inspected by His Excellency, including the Legion of Frontiersmen, Boy Scouts, St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the Canadian Legion, 49th Batt. Association, Red Chevron club, Army and Navy Vets and others.

Capt. Rev. K. C. McLeod gave the dedicatory prayer. Following the dedication prayer was "Last Post," then two minutes' silence and then "Reveille." After the ceremony many individuals filed past the Cenotaph and many placed wreaths thereon.

The Vimy Pilgrimage

Enfolding flags released at the touch of a King's hand disclosed to the world Sunday, April 9th, the white stone symbol of Canada's sorrow and her honor and remembrance.

On this battle-pocked ridge of Vimy—its scars healed now by the immortality of grass—King Edward VIII stood in the presence of rapt Canadian veterans, of grey war mothers, to dedicate the stately monument to those other thousands who sleep in the encircling plains.

High dignitaries were there. Representatives of the British and Canadian governments, the president and ministers of France, joining in a rejuvenation of the comrade-spirit that led the Allied armies through four years of war.

But the day belonged to men who walked with the living only in spirit, and to the 6,000 of their comrades and kin who stood with faces upturned in the sun toward the white-cowled heroic woman before the monument's two towering pylons, the woman who is Canada, brooding over her dead sons who lie in a foreign field.

King Edward touched the heart of this commemoration in a sentence: "Though the mortal remains of Canada's sons lie far from home, yet here where we stand on ancient Artois their immortal memory is hallowed upon soil that is as surely Canada's as any acre within her nine provinces."

Here, the King said, was the living truth of Rupert Brooke's parable:

"If I should die think only this of me,
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England."

Brilliant sunshine—the first Vimy had seen for a week—glistened on the meadows and cornfields round about Vimy.

The slopes were thronged by the farmers, the coal-miners, the factory workers of northern France with their wives and children, come to honor the men from a far land who stormed this ridge nearly a score of years ago.

They came from Douai, from Menin-Lietard, from Corbeham and Thelus, from a dozen towns and villages, some remembering the smoke and flame of stirring days, others too young to know, but drawn toward the white memorial atop the ridge by a sense of the occasion's greatness and significance.

The immediate area surrounding the monument was hemmed in by a line of French soldiers, and inside this line the Canadian pilgrims and official representatives had their places. Drawn in at the rear were Canadian veterans and sailors, and Moroccan Spahis in their colorful uniforms—white cloaks with khaki turbans, red tunics and blue trousers. The Spahis rode white horses. Fronting the monument were the 6,000 pilgrims who had crossed the Atlantic for this day of dedication.

"God Save the King," and "O Canada" heralded the arrival of King Edward.

Squadrons of the Royal Air Force and the French air force zoomed over the memorial in an aerial salute as the King and those having an official part in the dedication service proceeded to the dais.

Plaintive strains of "The Flowers of the Forest" the Scotchman's traditional lament in any country, for the fallen, concluded the religious ceremony.

His Majesty, after thanking President Albert Lebrun for his presence, remarked that nine years

ago he had dedicated the altar in Ottawa where Canada's Book of Remembrances records the 60,000 of her war dead. "Above the door is graven 'All's well, for over there a happy warrior sleeps.' It was 'over there' that Canadian armies fought and died. It is 'over there' that their final monument must stand."

"Today, 3,000 miles from the shores of Canada we are assembled around that monument—yet not on alien soil," the King said. The memorial marked the scene of feats of arms which history will long remember. "And the ground it covers is the gift of France to Canada."

"In dedicating this memorial to our fallen comrades our thoughts turn rather to the splendor of their sacrifice, and to the consecration of our love for them than to the cannonade which beat upon this ridge a score of years ago," said the King. "In that spirit, in a spirit of thankfulness for their example, of reverence for their devotion and of pride in their comradeship, I unveil this memorial to Canada's dead."

"The Last Post" rang out as His Majesty finished speaking, signaling a two minutes' silence that ended with the rekindling blaze of Reveille.

President Lebrun then voiced the gratitude of France for Canada's wartime sacrifice. The monument would recall to the people of France "that here several thousand men, come from a faraway land, spilled blood to defend their hearth." They were willing "to sacrifice their lives not for the satisfaction of material interests but for the beauty of an ideal and the nobility of a memory," faithful to the call of blood, remembering the Champlains and the Maisonneuves.

"Land of Hope and Glory," "La Marseillaise" and "God Save the King," accompanied presentation of visitors to the president. His Majesty and President Lebrun then placed wreaths on the monument, followed by Major Power, who placed the Governor General's wreath, and other wreath-bearers in order of precedence.

Forty-Niners' Re-Union in London, England

As a result of a little "staff work" on the part of W. M. Bradfield, "C" Company, and now of the Pensions Office, Canada House, and H (Scotty) Hind, a group of Forty-Niners, who had participated in the Vimy Pilgrimage, met at the Allenby Service Club, Hand Court, High Holborn, on the evening of August 6th for a re-union dinner.

W. T. McCrum ("C" Company) was in the Chair and those present included: C. Hunt, G. B. Gillanders, V. L. Gutteridge, S. Vickerman, R. Lamb, N. E. Cook, R. V. Patterson, H. Botel, H. Hind, W. M. Bradfield.

Among the guests were Col. P. L. Debney, O.C. 1st Edmonton Regiment; E. C. Godfrey, late of 31st Battalion; and E. P. Douglas, late of 27th Battalion.

After standing in silent tribute to departed comrades, the diners listened to the reading of a sheaf of telegrams and letters of good wishes from Forty-niners and others who had found it impossible to be present. Among these were messages from Brig. Gen. F. W. Hill (9th Brigade); Major J. Aldridge (late 42nd Highlanders); Capt. O. P. Arkless, O. C. Petherick and many others.

On the toast list were "Our Guests", to which

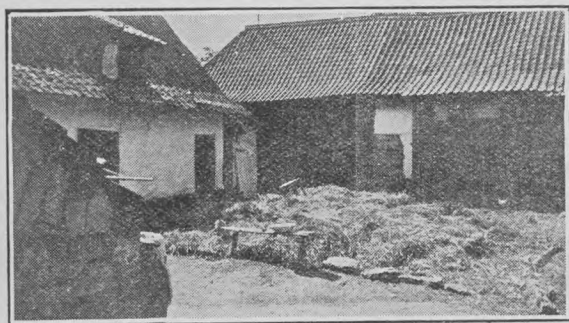
E. P. Douglas ably and wittily responded; "The Perpetuating Unit" in reply to which Col. Debney gave an interesting outline of the achievements of the militia unit. In referring to the recent alliance to his Regiment with the Loyal Regiment (North Lancs), Col. Debney stressed the very favourable comment of the O.C. of that unit on "The Forty-Niner" magazine, and, following Col. Debney, the Chairman took the opportunity to remark, that, in spite of the fact that most of us had been guilty of sins of omission in connection with the "Forty-Niner", it had gone on from strength to strength until it was now, without question, the best of the Canadian regimental publications. A vote of thanks to "The Forty-niner" was carried with hearty applause, after which the chairman asked all present to assist the magazine by contributing items of interest from time to time.

Mr. Frost, the superintendent of the Allenby Service Club very kindly presented the party with a beer stein on which he had painted the names of all present, and it was decided unanimously to send this memento to the 49th Association in Edmonton by one of the returning pilgrims.

A score of amusing incidents from "Somewhere in France" were recalled by Stan Vickerman, "Scotty" Hind and Bill McCrum and all indulged in yarn spinning, reminiscence, and good whole-hearted lying until midnight, when the party broke up with the singing of God Save the King.

—W. T. McC.

MANURE HEAP REMAINS UNCHANGED



Major T. H. Greenfield of Hamilton, Ontario, who served as a lieutenant in the 49th, during the war and later was in command of a Canadian machine gun company at Hamilton, was a Vimy Ridge pilgrim. To him we are indebted for the accompanying photograph of "A" company's billet and the manure heap at Lieres, early in 1918. Most of the old places visited by the pilgrims have changed greatly, but the manure heap is just the same as it was during the war. The photograph of the manure heap was taken by a member of the 19th battalion who paid the old place a visit.

"GEORGE & DRAGON" WAR TIME MECCA OF 49ers NOW ALMOST UNRECOGNIZABLE

Norman Cook, during Vimy Pilgrimage, revisited many of the Old London Haunts

Many old 49ers who recalled the ever popular "George & Dragon" on Shaftesbury Ave., London, will regret to learn that this favourite meeting place is now hard to recognize as anything like it was

during the war years. It has been done over and remodeled. Gone are hilarious peals of laughter, such as used to ring through both the ground floor bar and the upstairs lounge, when the troops would greet one another after brief separations on leave in Blighty. It is now an ordinary London drinking place, similar to so many which have subsided into the tenor of quieter times and conditions.

The "Chandos", another mecca for 49ers at the corner of Chandos St., just east of St. Martins-in-Fields, is much the same as in the war years. The horse shoe bar, where American drinks were so greatly in demand, still stands in its place, with the names and initials of many of the old boys deeply carved in its counter too. Jess, the bar maid, is no longer there to greet all Colonials with her cheery smile and "what will it be"?

Many will recall the "Coal Hole" in the Strand. It is much the same as when it was so much frequented by all and sundry. The Saddlers Arms in Swallow St., between Regent and Piccadilly, is a thing of the past, the premises now being occupied by a well known Spanish restaurant. Many another favourite rendezvous has also passed out of existence. One searches in vain for even a trace of the old "Leicester Lounge".

The "Cheshire Cheese", where one enters Fleet St. is still going strong and serve their famous meat pie and schooners of ale and half and half as in the days when things were active on the Western Front. The Savoy as it was known during more exiting times is still a very wonderful place to spend an evening for pleasure and excitement.

Captain Petherick Prospering

During his stay in England, following the Vimy Pilgrimage, Norman Cook spent a few days with Alfred Petherick, M.C., who now lives at Bude, Cornwall. Peth enlisted with the 49th, Reg. No. 432-569, being posted to 9 Platoon, C. Company. He left the battalion in France, going to the 1st C.M. R's. and at the close of hostilities was O.C. of "A" Company, with the rank of captain. He is now in the grain, seed and coal business, is prospering, married and has three fine girls. Before returning to England from Edmonton in 1914, he was with the City Electric Light Department.

Peth was with the British party for the Vimy unveiling and was accompanied by Harry May, sergeant of C. Company, Reg. No. 432237. He will be remembered as one of our original buglers, whose clear, loud blasts always identified him. He and Petherick met many of their old friends at the un-

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veiling and during the ceremonies in London. Harry is a builder and contractor at Bude, is married and has two children. He especially wanted to be remembered to Reg. Skitch and also to all his old friends and pals.

The "Ceres", which is the oldest vessel on Lloyd's register, is owned by Peth and plies between Bude and Welsh ports. This ship has a romantic history on the west coast of England and has been in constant service for the past hundred and twenty-five years. The thrilling experiences of the "Ceres" during the eighty five years of her life with the Pethrick family would make a story in itself.

Since Norman Cork wrote the story of Petherick's ketch "Ceres", he has been advised the gallant old ship foundered during a fog in the Bristol channel early in December.

James McD. Scott in Edinburgh

James McD. Scott an original of 15 Platoon, D. Company, is living at 8 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh. Norman Cook saw him at his home last summer, when many of Jimmy's pranks and battalion experiences were recalled and recounted. He is married and has two girls and a son, James McD. Jr., who are a credit to him. He sent best wishes to all his old cronies and former friends. Would like to hear from any of them. He was most generous with his time and hospitality during Norman's stay in Edinburgh.

BACK TO FRANCE WITH THE PILGRIMAGE

H. S. Turner, Goderich, Ontario, a former member of No. 4 Section, 10th Field Company, C. E., has forwarded a well written and most interesting copy of "Back to France with the Vimy Pilgrimage." Mr. Turner has been in correspondence at frequent intervals with Norman Arnold, corresponding secretary. Norman Arnold will permit any interested person to have access to the publication. It is of particular interest to the men who were fortunate enough to be on the pilgrimage, and no doubt any of those could obtain a copy of the story, which is in printed form, from Mr. Turner by writing to him direct to Goderich.

W. P. GRAHAM VIMY PILGRIM

Sergeant G. H. Downton of Luseland advises us that W. P. Graham, a former member of the battalion, took in the Vimy Ridge pilgrimage. Mr. Graham is manager of the Imperial Bank at Wilkie. Downton tells us that he has met him each 24th of May for the past four years at the Wilkie golf tournament. Downton says he hopes to "fall in" with "D" Company on the occasion of the next church parade, provided the drought period permits of the production of a crop this year.

DIED AFTER VIEWING HUSBAND'S GRAVE

Mrs Rosina Kemp of Calgary, one of the war widows from Canada, was among the Vimy Pilgrims. She told a fellow pilgrim that for twenty years she had longed to see her husband's grave. On reaching France she said "When I have seen my husband's grave I shall be prepared to die." Returning to the S. S. Antonia at Le Havre after a visit to the grave the emotional experience seemed to have sapped her strength, although she appeared happy. Four hours later she died aboard the Antonia on her way back.

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The Vancouver branch 49th Battalion Association extend to the Edmonton branch, the Toronto Branch and to all 49ers, no matter where they may be, our sincere best wishes and to take this opportunity of letting them know that at all our meetings we think of them as our comrades during the old hectic days of the war.

We have been very active here in Vancouver, our meetings have been held monthly and our membership has grown very favourably during the summer and fall months.

Our exhibition venture in September was very successful. The support from the association was very much appreciated, and the untiring efforts put forth by our executive and the different committees enabled us to clear off our entire indebtedness and we were enabled to assist financially approximately thirty members of the association.

We have had three whist drive and dances during the past two months, and have endeavored to work up, in conjunction with our business activities, a social activity as well.

We held our first Christmas tree on December 19th. We extended invitations to all members and their families residing in British Columbia, asking the old folks to join into the spirit and be a kid for this one night.

Our committees are working aggressively towards making our annual banquet this year a success, even greater than last year, our date has been set for Saturday evening, January 2nd, and we sincerely trust that the annual banquet in Edmonton will be put over as usual in a big way.

We are glad to report that our sick list has been practically nil during the past six months, (that is outside of a few colds).

Our ladies auxiliary has been functioning one hundred per cent, and a great deal of credit is due them for our success this last year. They have worked very energetically in connection with all our meetings, social activities, and our exhibition venture.

In closing we wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Edmonton secretary for his co-operation with us here, and again wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

—P. C. Wells, Sec'y.

Ladies Auxiliary, B.C. Branch

The Ladies Auxiliary to the 49th Battalion association B. C. branch are pleased to be able to come forward again reporting progress both socially and financially under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. B. Collin, president. The membership is steadily increasing and a good response has been had at all our meetings while harmony and good will still prevails amongst us. Our anniversary social and amateur night also B. C. Products luncheon along with many other activities were a decided success under the convenueorship of Mrs. W. Nelson and Mrs. M. McSaren. Two presentations have been made to departing members also a huge Kitchen Shower, (bridal).

We were especially honoured by having one of our members Mrs. L. McRitchie take the trip to Vimy. The co-operation between our auxiliary and the men's association was further exemplified at

the exhibition booth this year where both the ladies and men worked so well.

Our main interest recently centred around our Xmas tree and social for children and adults, when we all joined in being kids for a night. We join with the mens' association in wishing all 49ers a joyous New Year.

Mrs. W. C. Skinner, Secretary.
Mrs. J. B. Collin, President.

Eastern Branch Elects Officers

The Forty Ninth Battalion (Eastern Branch) held their annual dinner November 7th, at the Carlsrite hotel. It was well attended. Election of Officers was held, resulting in most cases in the return of those who held office last year. The following is the line up:

R. Dobson, President; R. P. Ottewell, Vice-president; Cecil Jones, Secretary-treasurer. Executive Committee: C. F. Chapman, A. A. Rollit, E. J. Trist, D. E. G. Bell, T. W. Greenfield, Hamilton, E. G. McGirr, I. W. Anderson. Pension Committee: R. P. Ottewell, Dr. E. G. Bell, Cecil Jones. Welfare Committee: R. Dobson, R. P. Ottewell, Cecil Jones. Canadian Corps Delegates: Same as above.

This gives you the line-up for the new year. The dinner itself was an unqualified success, as the dinners of the Eastern Branch always are.

EASTERN BRANCH PICNIC



An event of great interest to some of the members of the Eastern Branch was a picnic held during the summer at Tansley's farm at Sharon, Ontario, a village a short distance from Toronto. The picture shows:

Back Row (left to right)—Bethany, Welberg, Anderson, Dobson, Ottewell, Edmunds, Armstrong.

Front Row (left to right)—Matheson, Stallen, Jones, Bottaro, Tansley, Haig.

Her Pa: "Say, it's past midnight. Do you think you can stay here all night?"

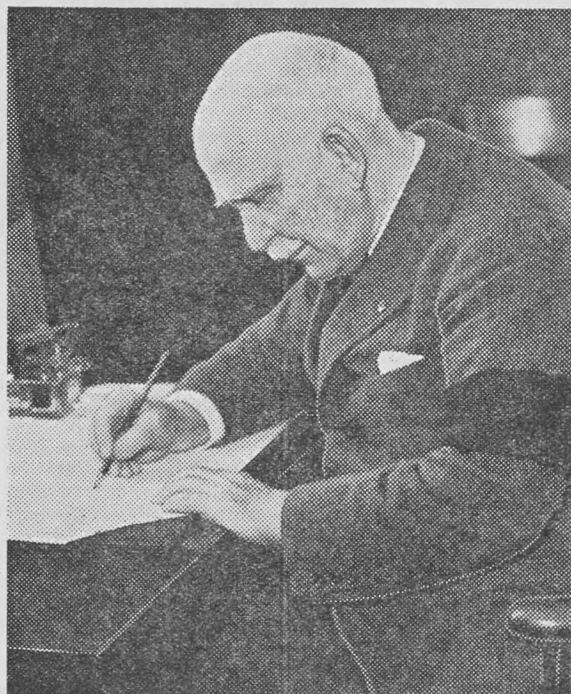
He: "Gosh, I'll have to telephone mother first."

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FAMOUS SOLDIER VISITS EDMONTON



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General Sir Archibald Macdonell

Beloved by the men of "the old red patch"—the Canadian Division in the Great War—which he commanded and to which he was intensely devoted, Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Cameron Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was in Edmonton in November during the course of a Western tour to visit scenes he knew familiarly many years ago as an officer of the Mounted Police. Besides being in command of the First Canadian Division, which duty he assumed in the summer of 1917, Sir Archibald was originally in command of the Seventh Brigade, and as such is known to almost every Forty Niner.

"Joe, you carry the baby and let me have the eggs. You might drop them."

J. R. DOBSON'S SON KILLED

The death occurred in Toronto in October of the son of J. R. Dobson, President of the Eastern Branch of the Forty Ninth Association. The young lad, who was sixteen years of age, was struck by a motor car on his way home from work as a messenger in a drug store. He was rushed to hospital but died of internal injuries within a few hours. The funeral was held in Toronto. The Eastern branch sent a wreath and furnished pall bearers. The sympathy of the Edmonton Association is extended to Mr and Mrs. Dobson.

COST OF PENSIONS IN CANADA

Pensions cost Canada \$53,741,996 in the fiscal year ending March 31st, last. "Burned Out" allowances cost \$2,531,489; unemployment assistance accounted for \$2,365,579; sheltered employment cost \$53,132 and hospital allowance amounted to \$1,315,347. At the end of the fiscal year there were 97,299 pensions in force. The great majority of pensioners are over forty years old. There are a few as young as thirty four and one as old as ninety one.

ALBERT MAXEY GONE BACK TO ENGLAND

Albert Maxey, formerly a "C" company man, who recently retired from the post office department, has gone back to England. He sailed from Vancouver on the Furness Line S. S. Pacific President via the Panama Canal. Any 49ers who know Maxey's Old Country address will confer a favor by forwarding it to Norman Arnold, corresponding secretary, 11908 92nd Street.

UNIVERSITY HAD 82 KILLED IN WAR

Altogether the University of Alberta furnished four hundred and seventy five men in the war. Of this number eighty two were killed. Many of them were members of the 196th battalion, Western Canada University forces. Others joined the Princess Pats regiment. Some served in the medical corps and others enlisted in the air force and navy.

"AMPS" RE-ELECT PRESIDENT

E. J. Scammell was re-elected president of the Edmonton Branch Amputation Society at the annual meeting held on Tuesday, December 15th. Among other officers named were H. Pauls "D" Company, 2nd vice-president and Major H. E. Floen secretary treasurer.

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MAJOR MERRETT GOES BACK TO ENGLAND

Major C. S. Merrett, formerly of "A" Company has gone back to the Old Country, accompanied by Mrs. Merrett. Major Merrett is an officer in the Legion of Frontiersmen and prior to leaving for the old country he was granted three months sick leave from the unit. "B" squadron of the Frontiersmen gave him a farewell. Those who attended included:

Lt. Col. Louis Scott, D.C.M., Lt. H. S. Reynolds, Lt. Bob Arlidge, Sgt. A. Gould, Cpl I. F. Larsson, Ftm. (Lt. Col.) T. C. Sims, V.D., Ftm. (Capt.) H. Jamieson, Ftm. (Lt.) N. G. Lewis, Ftm. (Lt.) M. Crandell, Ftm. H. Jones, Ftm. R. Hannah, Ftm. E. Williams, Ftm. G. Miller, Ftm. G. James, Ftm. S. Cunningham.

138th BATTALION DINNER

The 138th Battalion Association held its annual dinner in the Royal George Hotel on Saturday, December 5th. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Gerald O'Connor, the chair was taken by H. Wilson. Colonel W. F. W. Carstairs entertained the gathering with stories on the early days in the North with the North West Mounted Police, while Colonel Louis Scott related experiences with the Princess Pats' in France. Major W. R. McLaren, president of the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Legion spoke on behalf of the Legion. Chief of Police A. G. Shute was also a guest speaker. Entertainment was provided by Harry McPherson and Jack Radcliff. Approximately one hundred former members of the battalion were present.



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TWO EDMONTON LADS JOIN "THE LOYALS"

Privates J. H. George and C. V. Lilley, the latter the son of Capt. C. V. Lilley, who served in "C" Company during the war and was later paymaster of the Edmonton Regiment, travelled six thousand miles from Edmonton to Preston, Lancashire, by cattle train and cattle boat to join "The Loyals". They are now full fledged privates in that regiment. They are located at the regimental depot at present. They remained there until after Christmas, afterwards being drafted to the battalion at Tidworth on Salisbury Plains, where the first Canadian division was trained while in England. Early in 1937 they will go to Egypt with the regiment.

202s HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The 202nd battalion Association held its annual dinner in the Royal George Hotel on Saturday, November 14th. There was an attendance of close to two hundred. Colonel P. E. Bowen, who came back from service in France to raise the battalion, was present. H. A. Dyde, president of the association, acted as chairman and introduced Colonel Bowen and General Griesbach. Like all similar functions of this kind opportunity was afforded old pals to get together and talk over their experiences in the trenches. It is a matter of record that the 202nd lost more killed in action than any other Canadian battalion.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED BUFFALO SLAUGHTERED

Under the supervision of Warden "Bud" Cotton, former 49er, and Ray Sharp, fifteen hundred buffalo at Wainwright National Park were recently slaughtered. The annual killing of the buffalo is necessary to keep the herd within the grazing capacity of the park. The first kill was in 1923-24 when eight hundred animals passed through the abattoirs. In the following year fifteen hundred were shipped to the vicinity of Fort Fitzgerald in the North country and five thousand others followed during the three successive years. Notwithstanding this the herd has continued to increase with such rapidity that the slaughter of nearly eight thousand has been necessary during the past eight years.

C. S. M. MILES DAUGHTER MARRIED

The wedding took place at Toronto on December 15th, of Miss Ivy Jeanne Miles, daughter of the late C. S. M. Charles Miles, D. C. M. "C" Company Forty Ninth Battalion and Mrs. Charles Miles, Bellevue, West Vancouver, to Denver L. Gillen of Toronto. Miss Miles is well known in British Columbia musical circles, having done a great deal of radio and concert work in that province. She and her mother left Edmonton for the Coast in 1927.

JIMMIE WEAVER WITH CRICKETERS

James L. Weaver, son of the late Lieut. Colonel Weaver, was a member of the Canadian cricket team which toured Great Britain this last summer. The tour was planned and financially supported by Hon. R. C. Matthews. The team played fourteen games and lost only one and tied several. At the game at Eaton, Jimmie Weaver made thirty runs before being caught.

"A D.C.M. FOR ME" SAID YOUNG KALENSKY

FORWARD: The hero of this yarn was a Canadian boy with a Russian name, such as Kalensky or Goulashky. He was born at Blairmore in the Crow's Nest Pass and his father was a mine boss (so he told me). I think the lad's name was in the magazine back about two years ago. Now go on with the story.

Late in May or early in June 1917 I believe the 49th battalion was on the Mericourt front, where the 5.9's came over steadily. It was a fine Sunday morning and after standing down everyone was making breakfast. Owing to a bit of luck I had a fine parcel from Kitscoty, Alberta delivered to me by the battalion postman, with orders to distribute as far as it went in my platoon. I went along five and six platoon trench where the boys were making breakfast over a Primus gasoline stove, with a front line ration of bully beef, cheese, onions, jam, margarine, army biscuits and bread, tea, sugar and tinned milk. Having my rations with me and full water-bottle I joined in with the cheerio bunch. "Tell us a story old Phil" said the boys so I told them a yarn of the South African veldt, about some Zulus killing a Python, and after skinning it they chopped it up, put it in a big three legged pot and cooked it over a cow dung fire and it tasted like chicken. Then I told them what a fine thing the British army ration was if balanced right. I then distributed the cigarettes, etc., from the parcel and the boys all laughed and felt happy.

"Do you know what I want" said a tall young 49er from B.C., whose name sounded like Goulashky.

"Search me" says I "Youth must be served."

"I want a D.C.M., not the one you think but a Decent Canadian Meal. If I were at home in the Crow's Nest, B.C. this Sunday with dad and mum and brothers and sisters we would have for dinner chicken soup, fish, mountain trout, beef, pork, potatoes, cabbage, raisin pie apple pie, lemon pie, coffee tea and home made wine. Then I would walk out with my girl and go car riding and have a perfect day." I sympathised with the lad and said "I think you will make it". Later in the June 1917 raid the boy was wounded and I think he enjoys his Canadian D.C.M. nowadays.

Phillip Ralph Bellsham,
"Old Phil".

YOUNGEST SOLDIER CONTEST

Ottawa has an entry in the contest for Canada's youngest soldier in the Great War. He was George Dudley, who enlisted in the 32nd Battalion, September 28th, 1915, when he was thirteen years old. He served seven months in France before the authorities discovered his age and sent him home. Norman Arnold can go this story one better. He had a lad fourteen years of age in 13 Platoon, "D" Company, who was actually in the line and was wounded in "appendix sap" at Ypres. The lad, whose name Norman is unable to remember, was wounded through the face, the bullet going completely through the jaw.

EDMONTON BRANCH 31st BATTALION

Former members of the 31st Battalion C.E.F., resident in Edmonton have decided to form a branch in this city of the 31st Battalion Association, the parent body being in Calgary.

COMMANDED FROM FEB. 14th, 1917 TO JULY 1st, 1918

In the July issue of the magazine in which, under the heading "History in Brief of the 49th Battalion," a list was published of the respective periods of command of the various commanding officers, Colonel Palmer, D.S.O. was incorrectly stated to have been in command from Feb. 14th, 1918. This was an obvious error. He was in command from Feb. 14th, 1917 to July 1st, 1918. We regret the typographical slip.

COLONEL PALMER RETIRES

Colonel R. H. Palmer, D.S.O., former commanding officer of the 49th, who has been Indian agent at Hobemma for the last six years retired in October and will take up his residence at the Coast. After the war for a number of years Colonel Palmer was director of forestry service in Edmonton until the Dominion handed over the natural resources to the Province. Colonel Palmer was in command when the 49th retook Mons a few hours before the Armistice on November 11th, 1918.

He was also in command of the battalion at the time of the Passchendaele show, the story of which appears in this issue. It was in this show that Kinross won his V.C.



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FORTY YEARS IN CHINA AS MISSIONARY

Dr. Ada Speers Smith, sister of Russell W. Speers, former lieutenant in the 49th, with her husband Dr. W. E. Smith, recently visited the city. The two doctors Smith have been connected with the United Church Mission at Tzeliutsing, China, for the past forty years. They are now retired. Their work was in the Szechwan Province, where they conducted a large hospital. This province is perhaps the richest in China, and is approximately two thousand miles long, extending from the coast to Tibet. Dr. Ada Speers Smith says Japan is an opportunist nation anxious to annex all of China that she can.

TED BAKKAN'S FAMILY VISITED HERE

Mrs. Ted Bakkan of Oakland, California, wife of Ted Bakkan, former 49er, now resident there, and their daughter Miss Gloria Bakkan, visited Edmonton during the summer and were entertained by the members of the Edmonton Good Will Club. Ted was not able to make the trip.

"OLD PHIL" 7 YEARS SHORT OF 70

Phil Bellsham "Old Phil" as he was endearingly termed by the troops will be seventy years of age if he lives another seven years. He has furnished the magazine with two stories which are published in this issue.

ASSISTANT RELIEF COMMISSIONER

Major Walter Hunter, M.M., "B" Company and bombers, who has been in the city electric light department for some years has been appointed assistant to Frank Drayton in the city relief department. He commenced his new duties the first of September.

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WON FIRST PRIZE BABY SHOW

George E. Gleave, who staggers under the title and arduous duties of advertising manager of the



Forty - Niner, has something else to be proud of, his youngest daughter, by name, Georgina. The Gleave baby carried the first prize in the baby show sponsored by the Col. French chapter, I. O. D. E. last October. Her class was the babies between one and two years. She is a beautiful child, and in appearance is a replica of her mother.

For the information of any of Geo. Gleave's pals of an inquiring turn of mind, who may ask "How is it Gleave has so young a child?" the answer is that George enlisted and was in France when he had just turned seventeen.

GEORGE WALTER CRABB

George Walter Crabb was born on December 12, 1897 in London, England and early made up his mind to see the Empire, so came to Canada at the age of eleven. He arrived at Edmonton completing his schooling at Queen's Avenue and then like other good men commenced to distribute newspapers. Then came the Great War. George enlisted in the 66th Battalion, went over-seas and joined the 49th in December, 1916. He was wounded in the action on the Canal du Nord having his right thumb shot off. He arrived back in Canada in 1919 and took up steam engineering as a profession and is now engineer at the Macdonald Hotel.

George is a family man has two children. His recreations are weight lifting and tennis. His religion is Church of England. Fraternal orders A.F. and A.M.

George has recently proved himself a great asset to the advertising committee of this magazine and is to be commended on the splendid work he has put in, in assisting the committee in obtaining advertisements.

WORD OF "BIG BILL" FRAME

Phillip R. Bellsham of Lloydminster furnishes us with the information that he has ascertained from C. Elger, C.N.R. station agent at Lloydminster that "Big Bill" Frame is now living at North Battleford. Frame was a brakeman on the C.N.R. up until 1930, but during the depression was only intermittently employed.

SISTER OF "DAD" CARMAN DEAD

Miss Amy V. Carman died at Victoria in October. The death took place at the residence of her brother, J. F. E. Carman, formerly of "D" Company. Miss Carman was a niece of the late Bliss Carman Canadian poet. Her mother was a half sister of the poet and was of loyalist descent.

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DEATH OF COLONEL MacLEOD

With all the pomp and ceremony of a military funeral, Lieut. Col. Geo. W. MacLeod, D.S.O., well-known former Edmontonian, distinguished soldier, and warden of Prince Albert penitentiary, who died at Brandon, Manitoba, Wednesday, July 15th, was buried in the Soldiers' Plot at the Edmonton cemetery Saturday afternoon, July 18th.

Rev. Major K. C. McLeod conducted the impressive service in Robertson United church. The body was taken from the church to the cemetery followed by the military parade. The pipers band of the Edmonton Regiment (49th Battalion, C.E.F.), was in attendance.

At the graveside ceremony, Sergeant V. Lilley commanded the firing squad, and Bugler J. H. Ratcliffe played "The Last Post." Six sergeants of the Edmonton regiment acted as pallbearers.

Major General W. A. Griesbach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C., was in the parade and honorary pallbearers were Lieut.-Col. L. C. Harris, V.D., Lieut.-Col. A. H. Elliott, Major J. C. Thompson, Major W. G. Bury and Major W. G. Stillman.

Engaged in the contracting business in Edmonton, Lieut.-Col. MacLeod was an original officer of the 49th battalion, which was organized in January, 1915. As Commander of the Royal Canadian Regiment he was the only civilian ever to command a regiment of the Canadian permanent force in France. A man of commanding personality he earned the respect of officers and men alike.

He was a Dominion land surveyor, graduate of Toronto University, and practiced his profession in Edmonton prior to the war.

After the war he commanded the 1st Battalion Edmonton Regiment and some five years ago was appointed to the penitentiary service, being warden at Prince Albert penitentiary and later of Stony Mountain, Winnipeg.

The late Colonel MacLeod was a brother of Lieut. Dug MacLeod, who died of wounds following the counter attack at Sanctuary Wood.

The following editorial tribute appeared in the "Edmonton Journal", under the caption "Fine Soldier and Citizen Passes:"

News of the death of Lieut.-Col. G. W. MacLeod, D.S.O., comes as a shock to his many friends in



Lieut. Col. G. W. MacLeod

Edmonton. Possessed of a vigorous personality, he had made his mark not only in peace but in war. He was one of the finest soldiers this city sent to France and Flanders. A month before the armistice he was given command of the Royal Canadian Regiment, a unique distinction, for he was the only civilian soldier ever to command this famous regiment of Canadian regulars. His military career was notable, as he had enlisted as a private in the 49th battalion in 1915.

As a builder and contractor, Colonel MacLeod has left his mark in Edmonton in the form of several outstanding buildings (the Canadian National depot being one of these.)

In the three years in which he served the dominion as a warden in federal penitentiaries, he rapidly established himself as a competent administrator and disciplinarian.

An Appreciation

To the ex-members of the 49th Battalion, Colonel MacLeod's untimely death causes a profound shock and brings the deepest sorrow. His distinguished record as a soldier has been dealt with so fully and so justly in all that has been published since his death, and must be so well known to all readers, that there is no need to dwell on it on this occasion, except to add that he held the respect and the confidence of All Ranks.

Those who had the privilege of serving under him had a very high regard for him, both as an Officer and as a man, a man who understood and knew his men. To the troops he was always George MacLeod—no matter what his rank—and the feeling deep down in every man was of some bond of good fellowship between him and his officers, a bond cemented by mutual trust and the common cause.

To that long list of gallant gentlemen of the Old Battalion who have since passed on, must now be added the name of George Waters MacLeod, and in the hearts of old timers everywhere his memory will be cherished for many a long day.

May his widow and family derive some consolation as well as pride, in the knowledge that he has left behind him a name that will long be revered.

—A. G. R.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE IRVING

George Percy Irving, 15th platoon "D" Company, and later C.Q.M.S., "L" Company, received word late in the summer of the deaths within two days of each other of his mother and father at Penwith, Cumberland, England. The death of Mrs. Irving occurred on the 18th September, and was followed by the passing of Mr. Irving on the 20th September.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sergeant Irving.

CHARLES ENGEL

The death occurred in the Calgary General Hospital on October 19th of cerebral hemorrhage of Charles Engel formerly "C" Company, Forty Ninth Battalion. The funeral took place from his former residence 615 13th Avenue East, Calgary. He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter. He was a C.P.R. trainman. Engel first enlisted in the 82nd Battalion and was transferred to the 49th early in 1916.

R. H. ALEXANDER

Former pioneer resident of Edmonton, the death took place in Victoria, B.C. in August of Capt. Ronald H. Alexander, 78, paymaster of the 49th Battalion, C.E.F. The late Capt. Alexander had been ill for some time.

He came to Edmonton 30 years ago as representative of the Western Canada Land Company and, returning from the war, resided here until 1925 when he moved to the coast.

Born in Ireland, Capt. Alexander went to India as a young man and had traveled extensively in all parts of the world. For many years he was active in the affairs of the Edmonton club.

High tribute is paid to the late Capt. Alexander by Edmonton members of the 49th who served with him overseas.

Col. A. K. Hobbins, who was adjutant of the battalion and went over with Capt. Alexander in December, 1914, some weeks before the battalion was authorized, says that he was an officer of the finest type. Col. Hobbins knew him first in India, where Capt. Alexander was practising law in 1891, and after some years there and in South Africa and Spain he came to Canada. As paymaster he was one of the best, says Col. Hobbins.

Major R. C. Arthurs is another Forty-Niner who served with Capt. Alexander and knew him well. His tribute to him is that he was a good officer, of genial disposition, considerate of others, and efficient in the discharge of an office that always has difficulties associated with it.

The funeral of the late Capt. Alexander took place August 5th in Victoria. Alan Gardiner conducted the service, during which the hymn, "Rock of Ages", was sung. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park, with the following, all former members of the 49th Battalion of Edmonton, as pall bearers: C. R. D. Ferris, J. M. Watt, C. W. A. Drader and J. T. Albion.

THOMAS TURNER

The death occurred in Moose Jaw late in August last of Thomas Turner, former member of "B" Company. The late Mr. Turner enlisted in the 128th Battalion and was drafted to the 49th in December, 1916. He left the Battalion after Passchendaele. The association was represented at the funeral by H. Lawden and R. Hayes. The association's wreath was deposited in the grave.

An acknowledgement of the expression of sympathy extended by the association was forwarded by Mrs. Turner and family.

ELAM LESLIE ELLIS

The death occurred last May at Elora, Ont., of E. R. Ellis, former 49er. A full military funeral was accorded the deceased under the auspices of the Elora Post of the Canadian Legion. Captain C. W. Bishop was the officiating clergyman and Colonel R. T. Pritchard was in command of the funeral party. Interment was made in the Belsyde cemetery. Max Lyness sounded the Last Post and Reveille. Ellis enlisted in the 153rd battalion from Ontario in 1915 and later was transferred to the 49th. He was a blacksmith by trade and made his home with his sister Miss Mamie Ellis, R.N.

THOMAS WILLIAM HIGGINSON

The death occurred on Saturday, December 27th of Thomas William Higginson, 12006 87th Street, age 52. The late Mr. Higginson was an original member of "A" Company. He was with the 49th



Major T. W. Higginson

during the war. On demobilization he carried on with the militia, being appointed quartermaster to the Edmonton Fusiliers, in which he held the rank of Major. Every Forty-Niner knew Tommy Higginson. A semi-military funeral was accorded him. The funeral service was held from Howard & McBride's Chapel to the Soldiers' Plot in the Edmonton cemetery. Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough officiated. The honorary pall bearers were Colonel A. H. Elliott, Major R. W. Hale, N. A. Arnold, Earle

Hay, D. Gilchrist and R. Stevenson. The active pall bearers furnished by the 101st Fusiliers were Major Beaton, Capt. Brisette, Capt. Jones, Capt. Neal, Capt. Simmons, Capt. Doucette. Major General Griesbach represented the 49th Battalion Association and Colonel E. Brown the Fusiliers. The usual wreath from the Association was deposited on the grave. Many other floral tributes were received. Among the other Forty-Niners who attended the funeral were William Aitken, A. Mason, L. Alexander, J. W. H. Williams, F. Steele, J. Chorley, Major R. C. Arthurs, G. Gleave, H. E. Floen, J. H. Gallamore, R. Whyte, Bryon Morrison, N. E. Cook, Colonel Harris and some others.

CLARENCE FENTIE

Pte. Clarence Fentie, (Bud) No. 904610, 49th Bn., October 15th at Fairview, Alta. Member of Fairview Branch Canadian Legion.

MRS. ADA JANE STONE

The death took place in an Edmonton hospital on December 26th of Mrs. Ada Jane Stone, mother of J. L. Stone, formerly of "A" Company. The funeral took place from McDougall United Church on Tuesday, December 29, Rev. A. K. McMinn officiating. The pall bearers were Bruce Flavin, H. Stutchbury, J. W. H. Williams, Ernest Duke, W. H. Kelcher and John Wilkinson. The late Mrs. Stone has resided in Edmonton for many years.

AMOS FLETCHER

The death occurred on Wednesday, December 23rd, of Amos Fletcher, age 61, retired jeweler, 10-459 66th Avenue, a former member of 14 Platoon, "D" Company, 49th Battalion. The late Amos Fletcher was killed with his step-daughter, Mabel Fletcher, by being hit by a truck driven by Herbert Zielke of Leduc, within a few blocks of their home while returning from a Christmas shopping tour. A double funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 29, from the Strathcona Baptist Church, Rev. S. M. Hirtle officiating. Interment took place at the Edmonton cemetery. The pall bearers for the late Mr. Fletcher were Major General Griesbach, Sid. Parsons, Norman Arnold, Donald Gilchrist, Joseph Waithe, Farmer Steele and S. T. Pinnell. The usual Association wreath was deposited on the grave. Other Forty-Niners present were H. Smith, L. Alexander, A. Mason, C. Holmes, J. Diamond, Q. McGarvey and F. Pinnell.



A. Fletcher

ALICE LOUISA MAUD ARTHURS

The death occurred on Saturday August 1st at the family residence, 10123 118th Street of Alice Louisa Maud Arthurs, age 50, beloved wife of Major R. C. Arthurs. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Jean and Joan and one son, Ronald, all of Edmonton. The funeral service was held Tuesday, August 4th, Rev. G. G. Reynolds officiating. Interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. The sympathy of all members of the association is extended to Major Arthurs and his family.

Colonel A. K. Hobbins, D.S.O., and Lieut. Colonel A. H. Elliott were among the pall bearers. The usual Association wreath was sent.

A. R. SMITH

A. R. Smith, No. 904935, originally a member of the 194th Battalion who transferred to the 49th, where he was posted to 1 Platoon "A" Company, died at St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg, in February. He was accorded a military funeral. He is survived by his wife and three children.

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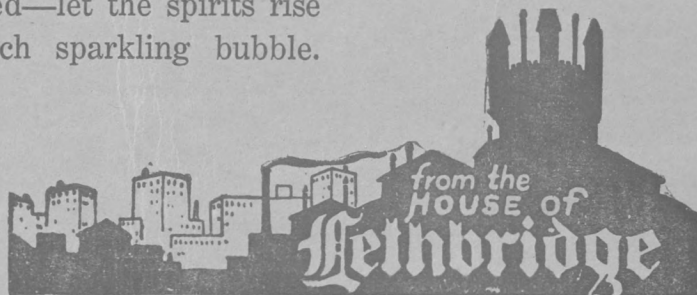
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